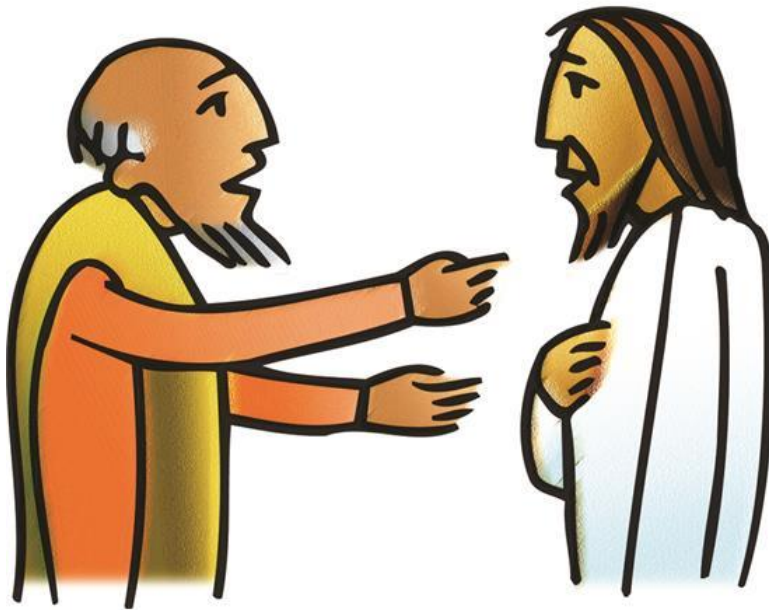


Welcome to
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



13th Sunday after Pentecost

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Our Mission: To seek, know, love and serve
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737 God Is Here! As We His People



1. God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to
 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the
 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, In an



of - fer praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler
 life - long need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font and
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are
 age of change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the



meas - ure What it is in Christ we share:
 pul - pit, Here the cross has cen - tral place:
 tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old:
 gos - pel, Help us work your pur - pose out:



Here, as in the world a - round us, All our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, Here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant Seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, All we



var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing
 si - lence as in speech, Here in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in
 have to give, re - ceive; We who can - not



of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

(Lines in **BOLD** are spoken by the People)

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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 Mass of Christ The Savior

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. will. A - men. A - men.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
1. glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
1. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,
2. Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,

2. have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,

2. re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand,

2. the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly to Coda or Refrain

3. Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

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.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 51: 1-6

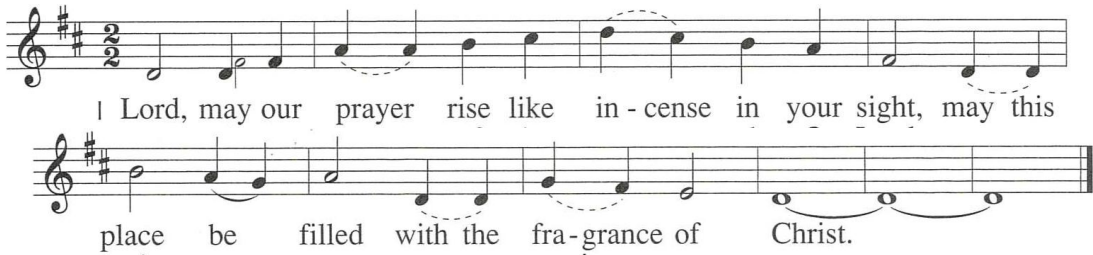
¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

74 Psalm 138: The Fragrance of Christ



1. I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you,
I will adore before your holy temple.
2. I will thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love,
beyond all my hopes and dreams.
On the day that I called you answered;
you gave life to the strength of my soul.
3. All who live on earth shall give you thanks
when they hear the words of your voice.
And all shall sing of your ways:
“How great is the glory of God!”

Second Reading

Romans 12: 1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

All who are able, please stand.

Gradual Hymn

Alleluia Mass of Christ The Savior

Dan Schutte



Holy Gospel

Matthew 16: 13-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

All who are able, please stand.

People and Celebrant

Nicene Creed

**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.**

Prayers of the People

*Through the power of God, Peter saw Jesus in spirit and truth. For the power of God to be felt in our own times, let us offer intercessions, saying:
Lord, hear us.*

For all peoples of the earth and powers of the world who have not yet recognized Jesus as the Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear us.

For the unity of the churches, and for their common witness to the possibility of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear us.

For those who struggle to believe in the earthly manifestations of Christ in the church, in the liturgy, and in daily life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear us.

For those who suffer at the hands of the church, and for those who are oppressed in the name of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear us.

For ourselves, our families, and our communities, who are daily faced with questions of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear us.

For all those in any need, especially Brian Koch, Roger Bergkamp, Glen Zimmer, Candace DeGagne, Nancy & Greg Hunter, Eddie Blaha, Tia Martins, Kris & Steve McClenney, Robin Monahan, Karen Race, Michael Valdez, Meghan Finlayson, Mike Solomon, Dave Karraffa, Karen Cendejas, & Sue Vidor. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all hospital chaplaincies, counseling chaplaincies and Spiritual Directors throughout ECMN. Pray for your faith community nurses, health ministers and all those who minister to the sick. For St. Johns' Anglican Church (*Fort Frances, Ontario*), and First Baptist Church (Int'l Falls). Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear us.

Living God, you wish to be among us in your Son and in his church. Hear the petitions we place before you. Increase our faith that we may see your works more clearly; purify our actions that we may reveal your love more surely. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence

Confession of Sin

All who are able, please kneel.

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and says

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.

Please be seated

Announcements

Holy Communion

The celebrant says

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us.

All who are able, please stand

Offertory Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2. To this tem - ple where we call you, Come, O Lord of
3. Grant, we pray, to all your peo - ple, All the grace they



cor - ner-stone; Cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
hosts, to - day; With your wont - ed lov - ing kind - ness
ask to gain; What they gain from you for ev - er



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear your ser - vants as they pray, And your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter



help for ev - er, And her con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed in all its bright ar - ray.
in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.

Prayers Over The Gifts

Gracious God, accept these Gifts from your people in gratitude for all your blessings poured out upon us. **Amen**

All who are able, please remain standing

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds (Lines in **Bold** are spoken by the People)*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus Mass of Christ The Savior

Dan Schutte

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Amen

Mass of Christ The Savior

Dan Schutte



The people may stand or kneel.

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant breaks the bread
A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is open to everyone

Communion Hymn

I Come with Joy



1. I come with joy, a child of God, For -
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, Un -
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound By



giv - en, loved, and free, The life of Je - sus
find, as all are fed, The new com - mu - ni -
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,
seen, but ev - er near, Is in such friend - ship
all that God has done, We'll go with joy, to



to re - call, In love laid down for me.
ty of love In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
makes us one, And stran - gers now are friends.
bet - ter known, A - live a - mong us here.
give the world The love that makes us one.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All who are able, please stand or kneel

Celebrant and People

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

Remember that life is short and we haven't much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

You Are Called to Tell the Story



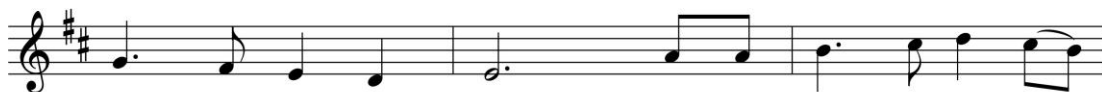
1. You are called to tell the sto - ry, Pass - ing
 2. You are called to teach the rhy - thm Of the
 3. You are called to set the ta - ble, Bless - ing
 4. May the One whose love is broad - er Than the



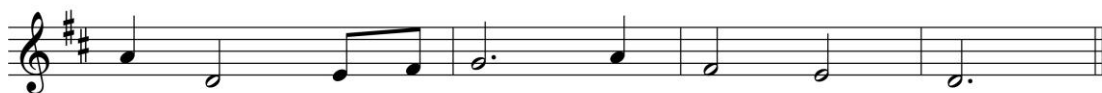
words of life a - long, Then to
 dance that nev - er ends, Then to
 bread as Je - sus blessed, Then to
 meas - ure of all space Give us



blend your voice with oth - ers As you
 move with - in the cir - cle, Hand in
 come with thirst and hun - ger, Need - ing
 words to sing the sto - ry, Move a -



sing the sa - cred song. Christ be known in all our
 hand with stran - gers, friends. Christ be known in all our
 care like all the rest. Christ be known in all our
 mong us in this place. Christ be known in all our



sing - ing, Fill - ing all with songs of love.
 danc - ing, Touch - ing all with hands of love.
 shar - ing, Feed - ing all with signs of love.
 liv - ing, Fill - ing all with gifts of love.

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia, let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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August 29th ~ Andy & Georgeann Wright



August 24th ~ Pam Davison

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