

# **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18**

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# **Holy Eucharist — Rite II**

8:30 am and 10:30 am

*Please silence your cell phone.*

Opening Hymn No. 494      [10:30]

**Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Son of God  
before the worlds began,  
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,  
crown him the Son of man;  
who every grief hath known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own,  
that all in him may rest.**

**Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed over the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing  
who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him of lords the Lord,  
who over all doth reign,  
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,  
for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light,  
where saints with angels sing  
their songs before him day and night,  
their God, Redeemer, King.**

**Crown him the Lord of heaven,  
enthroned in worlds above;  
crown him the King, to whom is given,  
the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns,  
as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
for he is King of all.**

Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

*Celebrant*

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

Gloria *[8:30, spoken; 10:30, S-273, sung]*

**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

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.

**People** **Amen.**

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "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."

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| Reader | The Word of the Lord.    |
| People | <b>Thanks be to God.</b> |

Psalm 1      *[in unison]*

**1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**  
**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**  
**3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.**  
**4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**  
**5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**  
**6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

The Epistle Reading

Philemon 1:1–21

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 toward 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 forever, no longer as a slave but 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.

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| Reader        | The Word of the Lord.    |
| <b>People</b> | <b>Thanks be to God.</b> |

Sequence Hymn      *This Is My Father's World*      [10:30]

**This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—  
His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world:  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,**

**God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let earth be glad!**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

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| <b>Celebrant</b><br><b>People</b> | The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.<br><b>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</b> |
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Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; 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."

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| <b>Celebrant</b><br><b>People</b> | The Gospel of the Lord.<br><b>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</b> |
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Sermon

Father Jeremiah Griffin

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—Creation    *People respond with bold words.*

Lifting our voices to intercede on behalf of the needs of this world, let us pray: **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Loving God, you are present in the wideness of the universe and in the tiniest of your creatures. You embrace with tenderness all that exists. Pour out on us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as your people, harming no one. Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect and not prey upon this world, that we may sow beauty, not destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Teach us to discover the worth of each and every thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

We lift up all the nations of the world, that there may be peace and harmony, both here and abroad. Remind us of our interconnectedness with each other and that we are to treat all as neighbors. Give us thoughtful and wise leaders, who will put the needs of others first and protect the weak. We pray especially for the United States this election season. Let us chose leaders who will seek justice and peace. Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

We pray to you for the people of God throughout the world. We pray for our presiding bishop, Michael; our presiding bishop-elect, Sean; our bishop, Michael; and for all ministers of your gospel. Bless, sustain, and guide them in their ministries. Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Today we pray for all in need of your healing touch; especially \_\_\_\_\_ and any others whom we name either silently or aloud .... We pray to you also for those who have died, we remember especially \_\_\_\_\_ and any others who may be on our hearts today .... Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Finally in a moment of quiet, let us each bring our own needs and cares to you, placing them and us in the palm of your hand. *[Silence]* Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### The Confession and Absolution

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

*Silence*

**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 upon 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.

**People            Amen.**

Anthem            *[10:30]     Psalm 139*

Allen Pote

### The Peace

Celebrant     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People            And also with you.**

Doxology Hymn No. 43    *[vs. 4]            [10:30]*

**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—Eucharistic Prayer C

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.**

*Celebrant*

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

**People        Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant*

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.

**People        By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant*

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.

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

*Celebrant*

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.

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

*Celebrant*

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:

Sanctus        [10:30, S-124]

*All*

**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*

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,

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

*Celebrant*

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.

**People        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.

**People        Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer    *[contemporary spoken]*

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

**All**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, you 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.**

Distribution of Communion

*[All are welcome to participate in Communion. If you prefer a blessing, cross your arms in front of you. Gluten-free wafers available on request.]*

Communion Hymn No. 304 [10:30]

**I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see and praise him here.**

**Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways  
and as his people in the world  
we'll live and speak his praise.**

The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*

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.

**People        Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn No. 390 [10:30]

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord: over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thy needest hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall every attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.**

Dismissal

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| Celebrant | Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. |
| People    | Thanks be to God.                       |