

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 18th 2024 9:30am



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Preparation For Worship: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together! *Psalm 34:3*

Opening Song

The Heart Of Worship

When the music fades, all is stripped away,
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You – all about you, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus
King of endless worth, no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath

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Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: We live in the season of Pentecost, the time between Jesus' ascension and His return as King of kings. *Genesis 3*

People: **For God so loved us that He has made a way for us that we may not perish, but have eternal life.**

Pastor: Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." *John 11*

People: **God is good!**

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People: **Therefore, since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have received access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.** *Romans 5*

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us come to Him then with an honest heart to worship Him in spirit and truth. Sin entered into the world with the doubt of God. Doubting God, and choosing to not trust God, pain, sorrow, and death came. Sin is choosing a way other than God who is our Way, Truth, and Life. God calls us to choose life. Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent, and receive forgiveness, we join in prayer:

People: **You know me, Lord. There is nothing hidden from You. If I stood before You in all Your holiness on Judgment Day, and every secret sin I have committed and every idle word I have spoken came out as evidence I would be utterly guilty before You. So, I turn to You, trusting in Your word, confessing my sin, asking for Your forgiveness and grace. Thank You that You take away the sin of the world, and that includes mine. You have suffered me, loved me, and called me. I know, confess, and forsake my sin, and yield myself to You, Jesus, my Lord and Savior.**

(reflection for confession)

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to you, and the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and gives His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

People: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Daily Text

You have made humans a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

Psalm 8:5

His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:3

Let us pray:

People: Eternal God, Your promise of life and salvation is beyond what I can believe or imagine. Still, I admit that I remain fascinated by trinkets possessed by others. Cleanse my heart from unworthy desires and help me grow into the lover of others created in Your image and likeness, through Christ my Lord in whose Name I pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

Proverbs 9:1-6

¹ Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says,

⁵ "Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

The Psalm

Psalm 34:9-14

⁹ Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! ¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. ¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. ¹² What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Reader: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.

Psalm 119:105, John 6:68

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

People: 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 into hell. 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Song

Way Maker

**You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You**

**You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You**

**You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

**You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

**You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You**

**You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You - yeah I worship You Lord**

**You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

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Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

**That is who You are - That is who You are
That is who You are - That is who You are**

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**Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working**

**Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
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**That is who You are - That is who You are
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Offering Song

Shout To The Lord

**My Jesus, my Savior
Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

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Prayers of the Church *Pray*

The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church, the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.

Pastor: Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

People: **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with these words...

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

People: 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, forever and ever. Amen

Benediction *Bless*

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

People:^(Sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Blessing: Child of God, lay aside immaturity and live and walk in the way of insight.

Pastor: Our worship continues,

People: **our service begins!**

Closing Song

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners,
The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners,
The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You,
All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world.

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All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world.**

**Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners,
The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all, the Lord of all, the Lord of all.

SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE