

Sunday, August 30, 2020
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
Proper 17, Year A
Christ Church Cathedral
Nashville, Tennessee



VOLUNTARY

What wondrous love is this

arr. Craig Phillips [3'17"]
(b. 1961)

Pre-Liturgy of the Word announcements

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The procession from the side door to the sanctuary pausing to reverence the altar individually

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

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 IN EXCELSIS



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



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



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON –Jeremiah 15:15-21

[David Kiester]

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
 and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
 you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
 not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1-8

[Hank and Dawn Hanks]

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
 for I have lived with integrity; *
 I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
 examine my heart and my mind.

- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
 I have walked faithfully with you.

- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
 nor do I consort with the deceitful.

- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
 I will not sit down with the wicked.

- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
 that I may go in procession round your altar,

- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
 and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
 and the place where your glory abides.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 12:9-21

[Chris and Eveleigh Simmons]

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON –Matthew 16:21-28

[The Venerable Roger Saterstrom]

Gospeller 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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON –The Reverend Matthew Lewis

A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, You bid us to choose between living now in false comfort or with division by walking in the newness of Christ. Keep us grounded and honest, strong in our faith, willing to bear the cost in this life for the promise of Jesus in the next.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, lift the hearts and souls of those anointed to guide your Church through these trying times. Grant them unceasing energy to inspire discipleship worthy of Christ. We pray especially for: Michael, the Presiding Bishop; John, the Bishop of Tennessee; and the clergy of Christ Church Cathedral—Timothy, Lissa, Matthew, Roger, and Richard.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, give us the courage to be what we expect and demand of political leaders in this world, across this country, in Tennessee and in Nashville. Strengthen us to work in large and small ways to end quarreling, power plays, personal and institutional racism, and violence that separates and destroys us here and across the world. We pray especially for: Donald, the President of the United States; Bill, the Governor of Tennessee; and John, the Mayor of Nashville.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, We pray for the united Church of South India, the Most Reverend Dharmaraj Rasalam, Moderator of the Church of South India and Bishop of South Kerala. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember St. James, Sewanee.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, we *pause* in this moment to remember all who have suffered for the sake of conscience; save them from despair and give us grace that our society may be cleansed and strengthened.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, comfort and help all who are seriously ill, struggling with addiction, or experiencing homelessness, and grant an extra blessing on all who provide support and assistance. For all in need of comfort, companionship, and healing, especially Susan, Geoffrey, Patti, Tom, Rachel, Al, Laura, John, Kadajah, Tallu, BJ, Jackie, Gloria, Ed, Ben, Travis, Bobby, Liz, Jim, Shelley, Jerry, Lee, Corinio, Kay, Debra and John, Barrett and his parents, Emma, Madeline, Cary Ann, her mother and grandfather,

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

For all teachers, students, and administrators and all places of learning.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

For those affected by the wildfires in the west, for Michael and Janet; for protection for those in the path of hurricane Laura and all those displaced from their homes.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, we give thanks for those who were Baptized, Confirmed, Received, and Reaffirmed on Monday and Tuesday of this past week: *Tate, Brook, Sally, Jennifer, Chad, Anne, Perry, Erin, Pam, Michael, Mary Beth, Ann, Eric, Rick, Hal, Micah, Ellen, Sampson, John-Henry, Shelli, Spalding, John, Jim, Katie, Melissa, Tom, Jim, Virginia, Peter, and Max.*

We give thanks for the birth of Levi Samuel Preston, son of Megan and Zach Preston, nephew of Katie and Matthew Lewis.

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, we for the faithful departed, for the repose of their souls and the consolation of their families; for Judy Carson, aunt of Maglin Halsey and David Nichols; for David Graves, husband of Gloria Graves, father of David, Allison, Nancy and Lucy, his children and grandchildren.

Celebrant: O Lord, our God, rescue us from the desert of denial, open our eyes to the wellspring of the Spirit, awaken our hearts to live first for Christ, and compel us to walk without shame or fear in your light and love. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus, the Sin-Bearer; and in the name of the Holy Spirit, the Fount of all Wisdom; who together with you are One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Then the Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Then the Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon 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.**

Celebrant 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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



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SOLO AT THE OFFERTORY

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

Alexander Robert Reinagle [2'47"]
(1799-1877)

THE 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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant then says the Proper Preface

Celebrant and People

**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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also † that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**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.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Then may be said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. † Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Sacrament is distributed.

You are invited to sing along at home.

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; and the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Improvisato

Arthur Bird [3'13"]
(1856-1923)

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