

August 18, 2024

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

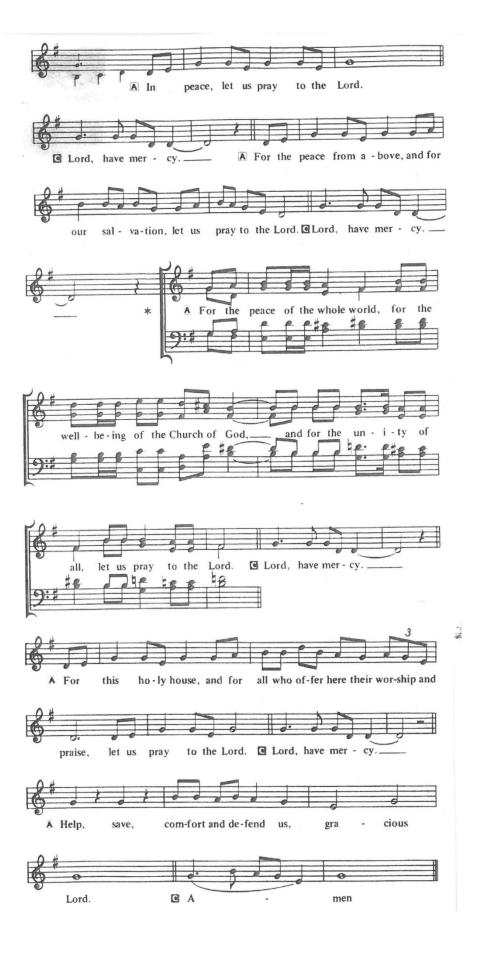
Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**



GREETING

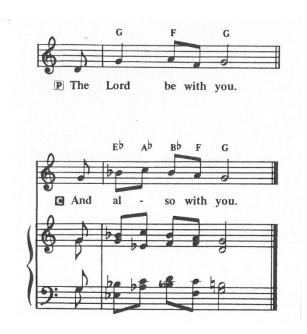
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Cornell Setting)





PRAYER OF THE DAY



Let us Pray.... Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ² She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴ "You that are simple, turn in here!"
 To those without sense she says,
- ⁵ "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 34:9-14 (Read responsively by whole verse)

⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,

for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

¹²Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th Chapter.

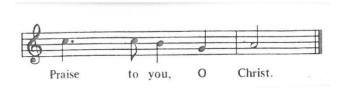


Gospel: John 6:51-58

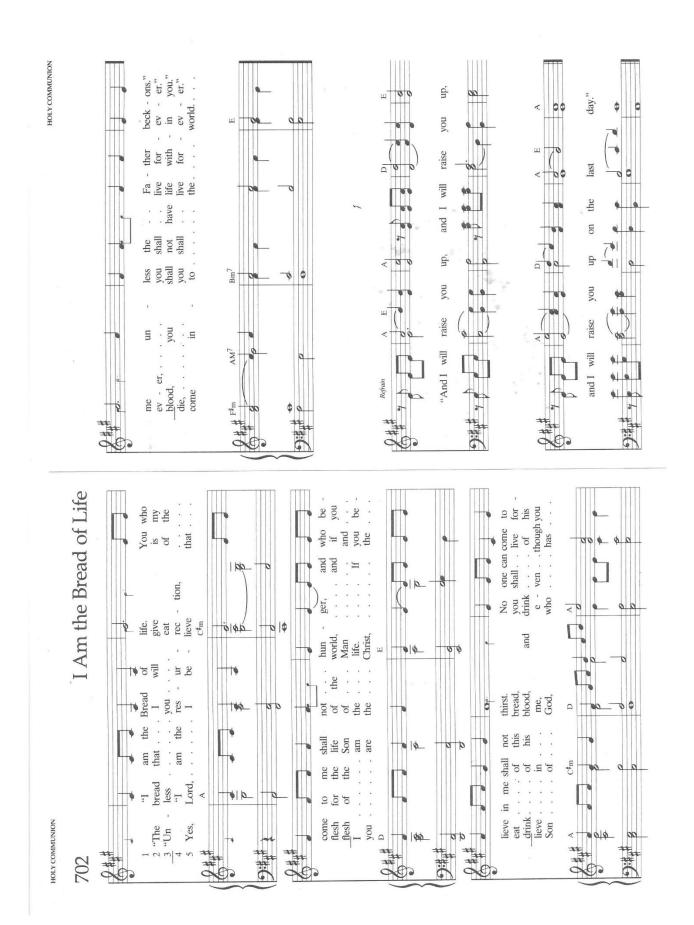
[Jesus said,] 51"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

52The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON - REV. RICK NEU



APOSTLES' CREED

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 Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For the Church, the world, and needs of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

A brief silence

Dear Father, feed us with wisdom and righteousness. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Nourish us with the love and life of your dear Son. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nourish the Church with the fine bread and choice wine of Jesus' own body and blood. Fill it with your heavenly light and life. Let that light cheer many hearts and guide many lives to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom, graciousness, and prudence to all who are persecuted for Jesus' sake. Use their witness to strengthen our faith and to call their tormentors to repentance and salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed the members of our congregation with the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of the Lord, and joy in your presence. Give us grace to gladly share this feast with our families, neighbors, friends, and communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless parents, foster-parents, and all who care for your little ones. Fill them with the bounty from Wisdom's table, so that they may raise up their children in godliness and integrity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Wisdom sets her feast before everyone, move the hearts of earthly rulers to heed her invitation and sit at her table. Feed them all they need to think, speak, and act in accordance with your will. Let all who are entrusted to their care prosper and live in peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of the righteous and of all who suffer. Hear and graciously answer our prayers on behalf of all who are afflicted by pain, grief, shame, or despair, including those we name either silently or aloud.... Restore their health, hope, and joy in the company of all who love them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, thank you for our beloved dead, who with St. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Please strengthen our faith in your dear Son, and fill us with your Spirit. Lead us safely through this life into the fullness of your Kingdom. There, with all whom you have redeemed, we shall rejoice in your great love forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Incline your ear to our prayers, dear Lord; and answer them according to your most gracious and holy will, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

PEACE

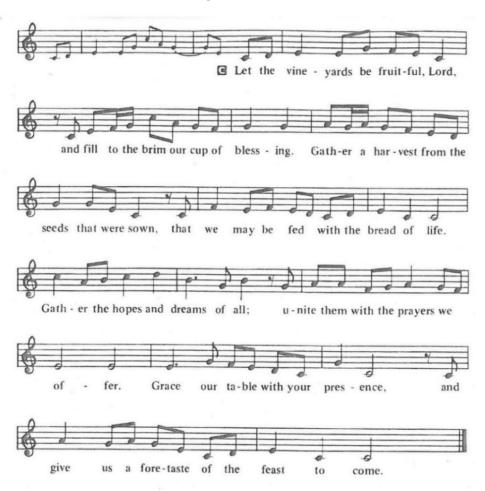
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN - LET THE VINEYARDS:



OFFERING PRAYER

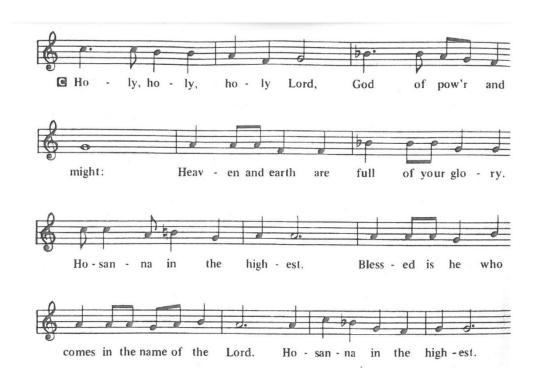
Let us Pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



PREFACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

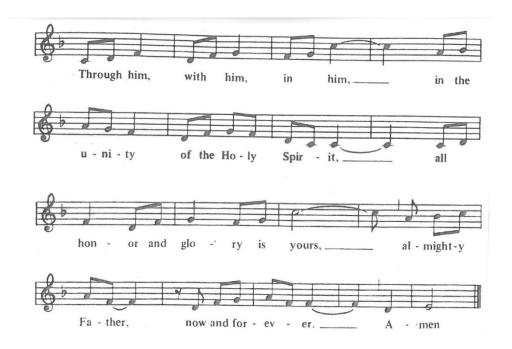
Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servant of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

LAMB OF GOD:



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

(Please use hand sanitizer before coming to the Altar. Both intinction and common cup are available.)

HYMN OF THE MONTH – Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (Next Page)



TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us Pray.... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN - As we gather at your Table (ELW522)



BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**