

# FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

13th Sunday After Pentecost

8/27/2023

**WE PRAY:** Holy Spirit, Caller, Gatherer, Enlightener, Keeper, maintain the answer to the question of Christ in our hearts that we may know aright who we are in Him and be so motivated by such knowledge that our life and example may lead others to glorify our gracious Father; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

*(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)*



## PRELUDE

## PASTORAL GREETING

## OPENING HYMN

TLH 370

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.
- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.
- 3 His oath, His covenant, and blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,

Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

## **THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **INVOCATION**

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P:** Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**C:** Who made heaven and earth.

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C:** And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

**A:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C:** Amen.

### **THE INTROIT**

**P:** But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord! As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill. I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you." Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

### **GLORIA PATRI**

**C:** Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### THE KYRIE

**A:** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**C:** Glory be to God on high:

**C:** And on earth, peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord God, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### SALUTATION

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And with thy spirit.

#### COLLECT

**P:** Almighty God, Whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

#### LESSONS

##### OLD TESTAMENT

###### *Isaiah 51: 1-6*

“Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you; For I called him alone, And blessed him and increased him.” For the Lord will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the Lord; Joy and gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody. “Listen to Me, My people; And give ear to Me, O My nation: For law will proceed from Me, And I will make My justice rest As a light of the peoples. My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples; The

coastlands will wait upon Me, And on My arm they will trust. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, And look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, The earth will grow old like a garment, And those who dwell in it will die in like manner; But My salvation will be forever, And My righteousness will not be abolished.

## **EPISTLE**

### ***Romans 11: 33-12:8***

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

**L:** Here ends the Epistle.

**C:** Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the 13<sup>th</sup> verse.

**C:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

### ***Matthew 16: 13-20***

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to

him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I 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.” Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

### **THE NICENE CREED** *(In Unison)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**SERMON**            **“The Most Important Question You**            **Matthew 16: 13-20**  
**Will Ever Answer”**

### **OFFERTORY**

**A: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

### **THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS**

**OFFERING PRAYER** *(Pastor)*

## THE PRAYERS

### LORD'S PRAYER

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** Amen.

### THE AGNUS DEI

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

### THE DISTRIBUTION

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

TLH 467 vv1,4,6,7

*Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand*

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church doth stand  
Even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distrest,  
Longing for rest everlasting.
  
- 4 Now we may gather with our King  
E'en in the lowliest dwelling;  
Praises to Him we there may bring,  
His wondrous mercy forthtelling;  
Jesus His grace to us accords;  
Spirit and life are all His words,  
His truth doth hallow the temple.
  
- 6 Here stands the font before our eyes  
Telling how God did receive us;  
Th'altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
And what His table doth give us;  
Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim  
Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer.

- 7 Grant then, O God, where'er men roam,  
That, when the church-bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me;  
Ye, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you." Amen.

### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### FIRST ANTIPHON AND COLLECT

**P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C** And His mercy endureth forever.

**P** We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**C** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

TLH 473

*The Church's One Foundation*

- 1 The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word;  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy Bride;  
With His own Blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

3 The Church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end.  
Tho' there be those that hate her,  
False sons within her pale,  
Against both foe and traitor  
She ever shall prevail.

4 Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed;  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

5 Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore,  
Till with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

**BENEDICTION**

**ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**RECESSIONAL**

**POSTLUDE -**

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