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CHURCH, GENEVA

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Holy Eucharist & Agape

Gathered and Livestreamed



*Monarch butterfly.* Photo: Richard Hale

## The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

*Pater Noster*

D. Bédard

Hymn

*When morning gilds the skies*

H.427

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| 1 When morning gilds the skies,<br>my heart, awaking, cries,<br>may Jesus Christ be praised!<br>When evening shadows fall,<br>this rings my curfew call,<br>may Jesus Christ be praised!   | 3 No lovelier antiphon<br>in all high heaven is known<br>than, Jesus Christ be praised!<br>There to the eternal Word<br>the eternal psalm is heard:<br>may Jesus Christ be praised! |
| 2 When mirth for music longs,<br>this is my song of songs:<br>may Jesus Christ be praised!<br>God's holy house of prayer<br>hath none that can compare<br>with: Jesus Christ be praised!   | 4 Ye nations of mankind,<br>in this your concord find:<br>may Jesus Christ be praised!<br>Let all the earth around<br>ring joyous with the sound:<br>may Jesus Christ be praised!   |
| 4 Sing, suns and stars of space,<br>sing, ye that see his face,<br>sing, Jesus Christ be praised!<br>God's whole creation o'er,<br>both now and evermore<br>shall Jesus Christ be praised! |   |

*When morning gilds the skies*, #427 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896).

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Welcome

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.**

The Gloria

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.

### **The Collect**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Reading**

#### **Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

## Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 **If the Lord had not been on our side, \***  
**when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \***  
**and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 **Blessed be the Lord! \***  
**he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 **Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \***  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

## The Second Reading

## Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn

*God is love*

H.379

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| 1 God is Love, let heaven adore him;<br>God is Love, let earth rejoice;<br>let creation sing before him<br>and exalt him with one voice.<br>God who laid the earth's foundation,<br>God who spread the heaven above,<br>God who breathes through all creation:<br>God is Love, eternal Love. | 2 God is Love; and Love enfolds us,<br>all the world in one embrace:<br>with unfailing grasp God holds us,<br>every child of every race.<br>And when human hearts are breaking<br>under sorrow's iron rod,<br>then we find that selfsame aching<br>deep within the heart of God. |
| 3 God is Love; and though with blindness<br>sin afflicts all human life,<br>God's eternal loving-kindness<br>guides us through our earthly strife.<br>Sin and death and hell shall never<br>o'er us final triumph gain;<br>God is Love, so Love for ever<br>o'er the universe must reign.    |  |

*God is Love, let heaven adore him*, #379 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt. Held by A.R. Mowbray & Co. Ltd. Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991). Copyright © 1942 Renewal 1970, by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

## The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 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 sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

*Rev. Michael Rusk*

## 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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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

### Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
Heirs of the promise of the Spirit of Peace.  
The peace of God be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Offertory Sentence

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

**Offertory Music** *Greater love hath no man* J. Ireland

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### Doxology

*Please Stand*

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 Agape Blessing**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth food from the earth; bless this wine, bread, and fruit that we now share in our homes and gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Holy Eucharist**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*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.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.



Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you 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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

## **Communion Music**

H.302, 304, & 306.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Announcements**

### **The Blessing**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and always. Amen.

**Recessional Hymn**      *Christ is made the sure foundation*      H.518

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| <p>1 Christ is made the sure foundation,<br/>Christ the head and cornerstone,<br/>chosen of the Lord, and precious,<br/>binding all the Church in one;<br/>holy Zion's help for ever,<br/>and her confidence alone.</p> <p>2 All that dedicated city,<br/>dearly loved of God on high,<br/>in exultant jubilation<br/>pours perpetual melody;<br/>God the One in Three adoring<br/>in glad hymns eternally.</p> | <p>3 To this temple, where we call thee,<br/>come, O Lord of Hosts, today;<br/>with thy wonted loving-kindness<br/>hear thy servants as they pray,<br/>and thy fullest benediction<br/>shed within its walls always.</p> <p>4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants<br/>what they ask of thee to gain;<br/>what they gain from thee, for ever<br/>with the blessed to retain,<br/>and hereafter in thy glory<br/>evermore with thee to reign.</p> |
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Let us go forth into the world, Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude      *Sanctificetur nomen tuum*      D. Bédard



**Today's Ministers:**

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Michael Rusk	<b>Gospeller</b>	Deacon Richard Cole
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<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Yunise Korir	<b>Welcomer</b>	Sroda Bédarida

**The flowers** are generously given today by Erin Lederrey in thanksgiving for the many blessings that Emmanuel provides.

**Prayer List:** This week, we are praying for Alice, Bob, Brad, Dossie, Erik, Erin, Gerardo, Hélène, John Love, Julien, Mackie, Marguerite and Don, Marie-Noelle, Mary and her family, Michael, Milki, Patricia, Philip, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Safi and his mother, Samuel, Shauna, the Squire family, Terry, Yan and Jacqueline.

**In our Convocation Prayer Cycle**, this week, we pray for Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers and all Lay Licensed Ministers .

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