

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Holy Communion: Rite One



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**During this time of social distancing:** Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles** are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Symbols in the Bulletin:** **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **L** Leader, **C** Congregation, **All** Everyone

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Alleluia from Exsultate, Jubilate*

W.A. Mozart

Isabelle Schueler, Cello

***[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*[Please remain seated.]*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- ☞ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ☞ **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
- ☞ There is one Body and one Spirit;
- ☞ **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
- ☞ One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
- ☞ **One God and Father of all.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

- ☞ The Lord be with you.
- ☞ **And with thy Spirit.**
- ☞ Let us pray... O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☞ **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

**The Readings:** Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c, Romans 12:9-21,  
Matthew 16:21-28

[Please be seated.]

### The First Reading

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Exodus, Chapter 3...*

Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up.

When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses said, "I'm here."

Then the Lord said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place

where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. Now the Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

God said, "I'll be with you. And this will show you that I'm the one who sent you. After you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they are going to ask me, 'What's this God's name?' What am I supposed to say to them?"

God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. So say to the Israelites, 'I Am has sent me to you.'" God continued, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how all generations will remember me."

📖 The Word of the Lord.

👉 **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

📖 *We will read responsively Psalm 105...*

📖 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

👉 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works**

📖 Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

👉 **Search for the LORD and his strength; continually seek his face.**

📖 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

👉 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.**

📖 Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

👉 **The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful;  
he made them stronger than their enemies;**

📖 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

👉 **He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

📖 That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Romans, chapter 12*

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, *Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back*, says the Lord. Instead, *If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.* Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

[*Please stand.*]

℣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

☩ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

℣ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and legal experts, and that he had to be killed and raised on the third day. Then Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him: "God forbid, Lord! This won't happen to you."

But he turned to Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are a stone that could make me stumble, for you are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will find them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? For the Human One is about to come with the majesty of his Father with his angels. And then he will repay each one for what that person has done. I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see the Human One coming in his kingdom."

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*[Please be seated.]*

Becky Robbins-Penniman

## THE NICENE CREED

*[Please stand.]*

**☩ 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

*[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]*

**☩** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

**℣** Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Gracious God,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**℣** Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Becky, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; Ann, our Priest Associate; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; St. Andrew's, Tampa; St. John's, Clearwater; St. Martin's, Hudson, and the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Gracious God,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

ℒ And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Gracious God,

**☞ Hear our prayer.**

ℒ We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. Gracious God,

**☞ Hear our prayer.**

ℒ And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers, and those we now name, aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time...*] Gracious God,

**☞ Hear our prayer.**

ℒ Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given today by the loving Parishioners of COGS in honor of Gus and Becky's retirement. We love you. We thank you. We wish you Godspeed. Also, for the birthdays this coming week of Michelle Schombs, Alan Mackay, Joe Hecker, Pat Cates and Shirley Verbal, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week: Bill & Diana Raymond, John & Sheila Scott. Gracious God,

**☞ Hear our prayer.**

ℒ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*], and those we name, aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Gracious God,

**☞ Hear our prayer.**

ℒ Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**☞ Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*[Please kneel or stand.]*

- Ⓓ Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. *[Silence is kept.]* Most merciful God, . . .
- Ⓐ **We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**
- Ⓔ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

## THE ENDING OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

*[Please be seated.]*

- Ⓔ On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2011, after serving eight months as the Priest in Charge, I was inducted by Bishop Dabney Smith as rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd ends this day. This ending comes with a re-commitment to the promise I made to God's people some nine years ago: to continue to devote myself to my Lord and to God's service in body, soul, and spirit, but in ways different than while serving as your Rector. My plans for the future are to care for my beloved parents, to be the best possible wife to Gus, mother to my two adult children and their spouses, and especially grandmother to my growing brood of grandchildren. I am also being led to explore a variety of skills, gifts, and interests that God has given to me, and which I will endeavor to employ in ways that glorify God.

- Ⓑ Do you, the people of the Church of the Good Shepherd, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?
- Ⓒ **We do.**

**P** To the Wardens of this Congregation, I thank you both for your support, wisdom, honesty, and very, very hard work. As a symbol of the conclusion of my pastoral relationship, I entrust to you the Parish Registry, which is a record of the life of this parish including baptisms, confirmations, and receptions, the roster of members over time, those who have been married here, and those who have left us to enter into the nearer presence of God. In giving you this registry, I am asking you to care for and about God's people in this church family until you, in turn, entrust this same book to your new Rector.

[Time is left for additional comments.]

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PARISH FAMILY**

[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]

**L** Let us pray for this parish family, and for all whose lives are touched by the joys and sorrows we have shared during ten years serving God together. O God,

**All** **you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to be an outpost of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.**

*Silence*

**L** We thank you . . .

**All** **for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.**

*Silence*

**L** We thank you. . .

**All** **for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.**

*Silence*

**L** We thank you. . .

**All** **for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.**

*Silence*

**L** Now, we pray,

**All** **be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**



## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*[Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” will do nicely.]*

- P** The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- G** **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- D** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]*

### OFFERTORY

*Arioso*

J.S. Bach

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

*[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]*

- D** As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge
- G** **All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- G** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- G** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,
- G** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

- Ⓟ All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.
- Ⓟ For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
- Ⓟ Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."
- Ⓟ Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.
- ☩ **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**
- Ⓟ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
- ☩ **AMEN.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Ⓟ And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

- ☐ We break this Bread to share in the Body of Christ.
- ☑ **Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share in the one Bread.**
- ☐ 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.

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. **During this time of social distancing, we need to approach the altar rail one at a time.** Small cups with a wafer and wine will be on the altar rail. Please pick them up and consume them in turn when the server invites you to with the words, "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven" and "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Place the cups you used into the basket on the altar rail. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

- ☐ Let us pray.
- ☑ **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION OF OUR PARISH FAMILY'S LIFE WITH PASTOR BECKY & GUS

## THE BLESSING

*[Please stand.]*

- ☐ Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the love of God to you.  
The blessing of our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and forever.

## THE DISMISSAL

- ☐ Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God!**

**SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant & Preacher	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Bishop's Delegate	Canon Richard Norman
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Chalicer/Acolyte	Michelle Schombs
Lector	Cheryl Sharpe
Prayers of the People	Michelle Schombs
Ushers	John Schmidt & Jay Harvey
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates