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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 4:00 p.m. ~ Mass ~ Rite II ~ Proper 18

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

&

September 7, 2025, 10:30 a.m. ~ Mass ~ Rite II ~ Proper 18

Baptism, Confirmation, & Reaffirmation

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Introit

*Righteous art thou, O LORD, and true is thy judgement:
deal with thy servant according unto thy merciful kindness.*

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the way of the LORD. Glory be. .

[standing]

The Processional Hymn

“Lift high the cross”

Hymnal 473

[stand as able.]

Opening Salutation

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

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

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: *There is one hope in God’s call to us;*

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: *One God and Father of all.*

Gloria in Excelsis *[Music in the pews]*

Prayer Book 356

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Bishop: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[seated]

The First Lesson Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, “See, I have set before you to-day life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

“Let us break bread together on our knees”

Hymnal 325

The Postcommunion Prayer *[kneeling as able.]*

Celebrant: 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

Hymn

“Come, labor on”

Hymnal 541

The Dismissal

Bishop: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy [Music in the pews.]

[Kneel as able.]
The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words the Celebrant holds or lays a hand upon the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, he holds or lays a hand upon the cup or any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

The Lord’s Prayer [Music in the pews.]

Prayer Book 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: *Lamb of God* [Music in the pews.]

away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

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

The Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*



1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [of] the wicked,*
nor lingered in the way of sinners, ... nor sat in the [seats of] the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the [law of] the Lord,*
and they meditate on his law [day] and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, ... bearing fruit in due season, ... with leaves that [do] not wither;*
everything they [do] shall prosper.

**4 It is not [so with] the wicked;*
they are like chaff which the [wind blows] away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [judg]-ment comes,*
nor the sinner in the council [of] the righteous.

**6 For the Lord knows the [way of] the righteous,*
but the way of the [wicked] is doomed.**

The Epistle Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been re-freshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love— and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother— especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn “Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove” Hymnal 512

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Alleluia Verse: Hear my prayer, O Lord; and let my cry come unto thee.

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Luke 14:25-3

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a

delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon [seated] The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux

(4:00 p.m.)

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows [Stand as able.] Prayer Book 292

The Prayers of the People (Form III) [kneel as able.] Prayer Book 387

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

(10:30 a.m.)

Holy Baptism Prayer Book 301

Nikki Hill

Confirmation

Nikki Hill

Matthew Lohman

Logan Miller

Cade Moberg

Taylor Pinion

Reaffirmation

Lindsey Parks

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Anthem “Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love “ Sarah MacDonald
Hymn “God is love” Hymnal 577

The Great Thanksgiving

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer B) Prayer Book 367

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.

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