

# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
August 23, 2026  
10 a.m.

## Gathering in Joy

**Prelude: Intermezzo**

Henriëtte Bosmans (1895-1952)

**Opening Hymn:** *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #427* When morning gilds the skies

**The Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

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

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

*The Presider says to the people*

Presider:     The Lord be with you.

**People:**     **And also with you.**

Presider:     Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

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.**

## Listening for God's Word

**The First Reading- *Isaiah 51:1-6***

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.  
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out

and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 138** (*Please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

**BCP 793**

**The Epistle - *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.**

**Gospel Hymn:** *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #685* **Rock of ages, cleft for me**

**The Gospel – *Matthew 16:13-20***

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

**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**

Deborah Way, Rector’s Warden

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**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.

### **Prayers of the People**

*adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People*

Made righteous through faith in Christ, asking that we may be faithful to the gift of God's grace, let us now pray to our God in the power of the Spirit, **with the response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Presider concludes with this prayer:*

Eternal and compassionate God, receive and fulfil all that we ask according to your will. Give us the grace to welcome your word who is Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. **Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin**

*Presider says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Presider and People*

**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 our Savior 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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Please greet other members of the congregation with a sign of peace.*

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Celebrating Holy Communion

**Offertory Music: "O Jesus Christ"**

David Evans (1874-1948)  
solo Carol Lorentz-Burnett

**The Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #677 God moves in a mysterious way**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B** (*inclusive language*)

**Presider** God is with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Presider** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Presider** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider says*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us  
a new people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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: Holy, Holy, Holy**

Norah Duncan

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are

5 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

9 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent  
Jesus to be incarnate from

the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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,

*Presider and People*

**We remember Christ's death,**

**We proclaim Christ's resurrection,**

**We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Peter and Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say...

**The Lord's Prayer** (*traditional language*)

**BCP 364**

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Norah Duncan

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*The Presider continues*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### The Communion of the People

**Communion Music: Rock of Ages**  
**He's Got the Whole World in His Hand**

Robert Hobby (1962- )  
Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Presider and people together*

**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.**

## **Sending Forth**

### **The Blessing**

### **Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning** *(occasional)*

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's we send you forth bearing the gift of Holy Communion to...

**All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.**

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.*

#### **Birthdays:**

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| <i>James Moore</i>    | <i>08/23</i> |
| <i>Cheryl Austin</i>  | <i>08/24</i> |
| <i>Charlie Keyser</i> | <i>08/24</i> |
| <i>Lynn Erbrick</i>   | <i>08/25</i> |
| <i>John Sweeney</i>   | <i>08/25</i> |
| <i>Robin Dixon</i>    | <i>08/27</i> |
| <i>Sharon Keyser</i>  | <i>08/27</i> |

#### **Anniversaries:**

*Deborah & Frank Way 08/28*

### **Birthday & Anniversary Prayer**

**BCP 830**

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Announcements

- Special thanks to Rector's Warden Deborah Way for preaching the sermon today.
- Next Sunday, Aug. 30, the A Time for Action Group will host an ice cream social and sign- making event from 1– 3p.m. in the parish hall. *See the newsletter for more information.*
- Next Sunday, parish youth and teens (grades 6 and up) are invited to the Diocesan Youth Wild Adventure on Sunday, Aug. 30, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Valley Forge Park's Washington Memorial Chapel. See the newsletter to sign up to travel with the St. Peter's youth group.
- Outdoor Movie Night will be held in the St. Peter's parking lot on Sept. 11 at 7p.m. Bring your chairs and blankets! We'll be showing the film *The Sheep Detectives*. *Special thanks to PJ Linke for running our movie.*
- Scan the QR code below to access the recent newsletter.



**Closing Hymn:** *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #518 Christ is made the sure foundation

## The Dismissal

**Presider:** Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Postlude:** Basse de Trompette

Élisabeth-Claude Jacquet de la Guerre (1665-1729)

## Worship Ministers

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**Preacher:** *Deborah Way*

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**Lectors:** *Bill Hower, Matt Moore*

**Intercessor:** *Donna Kulp*

**Counter:** *Mike Reeve*

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**Ushers:** *Peter Gottemoller, George Luskus, Dave Kipphut, Jack Wilbur*

**Vestry Steward:** *Terita Reeve*

**Altar Guild:** *Karen Sayer*

**Welcomers:** *Marsha Blake*

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