

A Service of the Word

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

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“St. Michael’s Episcopal Norman Oklahoma”

Presider

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

People

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

Presider

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us pause in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

A period of silence for reflection is kept.

All

**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.**

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Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People

Amen.

All

**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.**

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

Reader

A reading from Romans (12:9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

After the reading, the reader says

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8

Read responsively by whole verse

Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.**

For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

**I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.**

Reader
People

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Reader
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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All

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 INTERCESSIONS

(Adapted from Praying the Scriptures: Litanies for Sunday Worship)

Leader Dear People of God, be kindly affectioned one to another with love. And let us come before God, saying, “We glory in your holy name, and offer to you our prayer, O Lord.

In the silence following each petition, you are invited to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, either aloud or in silence.

Leader Lord Jesus, you bid your disciples take up their cross and follow you; may your holy Church desire, above all, the things of God that we might overcome evil with good.

(Silence)

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.

Leader Lord God or our forebears, you know the sorrows of the afflicted: Deliver those who are being oppressed. And grant your peace to all the world.

(Silence)

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.

Leader Good Lord, you make known your wondrous works: reveal yourself in the works of your hands as even you did to Moses our forebear on the holy mountain.

(Silence)

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.

Leader O Lord, grant that the people of our land be given to hospitality. May we abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good and, in so doing, may we live peaceably one with another.

(Silence)

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.

Leader Strong Lord, make us weep with those who weep. Reveal your strength to the weak and lowly that they may rejoice in all your marvelous works.

We pray for all in need of healing, especially Nancy Hancock, and Octavia Trueheart.

(Silence)

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.

Leader Almighty God, you reward each one according to their works: Give to the dead rest from their labors and life everlasting.

We pray for the repose of the soul of David Perry.

(Silence)

We glory in your holy name,

And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.

Presider

Merciful God, who sent the prophets to teach us to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God: be with all who are angered and frustrated by the injustice we see around us. Kindle in us a passion for righteousness that we may reject and resist the evil in this world and the evil in our own hearts; help us work for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being, that we may all one day stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ, who is our Reconciliation and our Peace.

People

Amen.

A Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: Eric Blazek

All

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider

Let us pray together in the words that Jesus himself taught us:

All

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider

Beloveds,
one day blends into another,
and we grow weary of being alone,
unsure when things will change.
Do not lose hope: God is with you.
Rest in that truth.
And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.

People

Amen.

Deacon

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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