

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Hymn

“Give Us Clean Hands”

All

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh Spir-it, come make us hum ble.

We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i -

dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an-

oth- er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an-

oth - er. And oh God, let us be a gen-er - a-tion that seeks that seeks Your face,

— oh God of Ja - cob; And oh God, let us be a gen er - a-tion that seeks

— that seeks Your face,— oh\_ God of Ja - cob.

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## Invocation

### Confession & Absolution

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

People: We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not

rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord!<sup>[a]</sup> This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance<sup>[b]</sup> to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life<sup>[c]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

## Sermon

Ezra 1

1 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: <sup>2</sup> “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. <sup>3</sup> Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.” <sup>5</sup> Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the LORD that is in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And all who were about them aided them with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, with beasts, and with costly wares, besides all that was freely offered. <sup>7</sup> Cyrus the king also brought out the vessels of the house of the LORD that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. <sup>8</sup> Cyrus king of Persia brought these out in the charge of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. <sup>9</sup> And this was the number of them: 30 basins of gold, 1,000 basins of silver, 29 censers, <sup>10</sup> 30 bowls of gold, 410 bowls of silver, and 1,000 other vessels; <sup>11</sup> all the vessels of gold and of silver were 5,400. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.

## Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

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  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Benediction

# Closing Hymn

"Soli Deo Gloria" Dennis Wazac

All

May all I do to-day Be for Your glo - ry Lord.

Ev-'ry lit - tle thing I do, May my heart be set on You

May my will be Yours a- lone May all I do and say Be

for Your glo - ry Lord. I feel your Spir - it call - ing me;

so I turn my heart to You. When I turn my eyes, to

seek Your face, You are al-ways near it's true. May all I do to day

Be for Your glo - ry Lord. And when You see I'm lost

You re- mind me of the cross How it calls me now to life with You;

Your love lights my heart and soul,

Gives me peace and makes me whole; What am I to do but wor-ship You

What am I to do but wor - ship You

What am I to do but wor ship You What am I to do

What am I to do What am I to do but wor-ship You Wor-ship

You. To God a-lone be praise, To God a-lone be praise. To

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May all I do and say— Be for Your glo - ry Lord.

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