

Sunday, August 22, 2021

13TH SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST

"THOSE WHO EAT MY FLESH AND
DRINK MY BLOOD ABIDE IN ME,
AND I IN THEM" JOHN 6:56

10 am BAS Holy Eucharist

We Praise You, O God MV 61

*We praise you, O God, with all of our hearts.
With all the earth we will sing your praises.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stand Up and Bless the Lord CP 350

***Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord of hosts with heart and soul and voice.***

***Though high above all praise, above, all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name, and laud and magnify?***

***O for the living flame from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!***

***God is our strength and song, who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.***

Gracious God, although we once were strangers, you receive us as friends and draw us home to you. Set your living bread before us, so that we may be strengthened to continue the work your Son has commissioned us to do. **Amen.**

1 Kings 8(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this

For you, Lord God, are both sun and shield;
you will give grace and glory;
no good thing will you withhold, O Lord,
from those who walk with integrity.
O Lord of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you! RR

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

Amazing Grace CP 352

***Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.***

***'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!***

***The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.***

***Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.***

***When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun.***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Please join me in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray.

Creator of the heavens, lead all peoples into a common life of justice, faith and peace:
Giver of breath, hear our prayer.

Inspire the Queen, the Governor General, the Prime Minister and all in authority to serve the people of this country according to your holy will:
Giver of breath, hear our prayer.

Guide the growth and development of all children and young people:
Giver of breath, hear our prayer.

Deliver and keep the sick in your love:

Giver of breath, hear our prayer.

Support and keep steadfast all who for the sake of justice and truth have been condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment or hard labour:

Giver of breath, hear our prayer.

Direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice as shown by the prophets, apostles, martyrs and all who have borne witness to the gospel:

Giver of breath, hear our prayer.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *local government and community leaders;*
- *all who provide local services;*
- *those who work with young and elderly people;*
- *schools, colleges and universities;*
- *emergency and rescue services and organizations.*

Creator of the universe, the light of your glory shines in the darkness of our lives. Make us attentive to your presence, prompt to serve you and ever eager to follow in the steps of the one who is our true light, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us all to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, All 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 neighbours 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.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

All Things Are Thine CP 304

***All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
and so with grateful hearts today, thine own before thy feet we lay.
Thy will informed the builders' thought; thy hand unseen amidst us wrought;
through mortal motive, scheme, and plan thy wise eternal purpose ran.***

*No lack thy perfect fullness knew; for human needs and longings grew
this house of prayer, this home of rest, where grace is shared and truth addressed.
In weakness and in want, we call on thee for whom the heavens are small;
thy glory is thy children's good, thy joy fulfilled in servant-hood.*

*All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
and so, with grateful hearts today, thine own before thy feet we lay.
Come now and deign these walls to bless; fill with thy love their emptiness,
and let their door a gateway be to lead us from ourselves to thee.*

Stewardship moment

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and 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, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread. **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All CP 73

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless
And we though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.***

***Gentile or Jew, servant or free, Woman or man, no more.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless
And we though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.***

***Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord of all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless
And we though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.***

***Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, Gathered to one for all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless
And we though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.***

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises CP 82

***Hallelujah! We sing your praises! All our hearts are filled with gladness!
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***Christ the Lord to us said, "I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread.
give to all who thirst and hunger."***

***Hallelujah! We sing your praises! All our hearts are filled with gladness!
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***Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.***

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Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

**Readings for next Sunday – August 29, 2021
14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**