
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 7, 2025

Holy Eucharist, Rite 1

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

The Kyrie

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The Gloria

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

Celebrant: 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 First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today 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 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: The Psalm: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ***
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places ***
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, ***
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before ***
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; ***
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; ***
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; ***
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, ***
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

**15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.**

**16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!**

**17 If I were to count them,
they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

The Second Lesson: 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 refreshed 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***

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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 thee, O Christ***

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

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The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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The Blessing

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

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Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost

We pray for our clergy: Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Ron; for Doug, our seminarian, for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs; Iglesia Betania, Stamford; those involved in the ministry of Christian Formation in parishes. For church school & youth group directors, teachers & mentors. For adult education leaders; *The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.*

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. May they be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week and for those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and those who have requested our prayers: Dolores, Michael H., Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, and for those in our Continuing Prayer list, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

We pray for the deceased, remembering especially Joanie Perkins, whose funeral was held last Saturday.

Continuing Prayer List

Hannah Janowiak, Lonni, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Annette Cucchi, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Randy, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, Roberto Rodegher, Linda Snarski, Len & Kim Begin, Nancy Kirkham, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Peggy Cobb & family, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, David Rigby, Judy Knox, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family.

On Going Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:30 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Hebron Greater Together Community Fund: 3rd Tues. 6-8 p.m.
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Book Discussion starts tomorrow!! A beloved teacher helps modern people live the Bible's message more fully in the book, "The Dream of God." Author Verna Dozier explores the ways that humanity and the institutional church have strayed far from Jesus's original message. Dozier encourages us to see Christianity not as creed or institution, but as "the vision of a new possibility for human life rooted in an ancient understanding of God and lived out by a Nazarene carpenter." We will be reading the book, "The Dream of God" by Verna Dozier and getting together to talk about it this fall. The meetings will be held from **11:30-1 p.m. every Monday Sept. 8, through Nov.3**. A signup sheet is at the back of the church. The book is available on Amazon.

The Parish Events Committee is gearing up for their "Thanksgiving in September" Community Dinner on Sept. 20th. Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, etc. - all the usuals served at Thanksgiving. Mark your calendars! Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church