

8:00AM DIVINE SERVICE

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13th Sunday after Pentecost 30 August 2020

(Please register your presence with us by filling out one of the Member/Guest cards found in the pew rack in front of you and giving it to the usher or placing into the offering plate.)

AS WE GATHER

In the quiet refuge of this sanctuary, it may be easy to forget that we live in a world that has been marred by sin, cursed by death, and filled with wickedness. Although we confront it every day, this very present evil will not overcome us. God's desire is for us to be saved and delivered by His Son, Jesus, so that we are enabled to love, to live, and to overcome evil with good. In our worship service today, we receive the same Jesus who once overcame evil by carrying His cross to suffer for our salvation. Trouncing over all the evil we will ever face, our risen Savior lives to love, to bless, and to deliver us as His people.

PRELUDE—"But the Lord is Mindful of His Own"

Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Come Down, O Love Divine"

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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♣ SERVICE OF THE WORD ♣

INTROIT

Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4

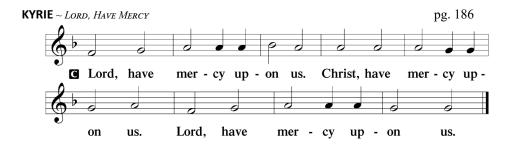
⁴Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

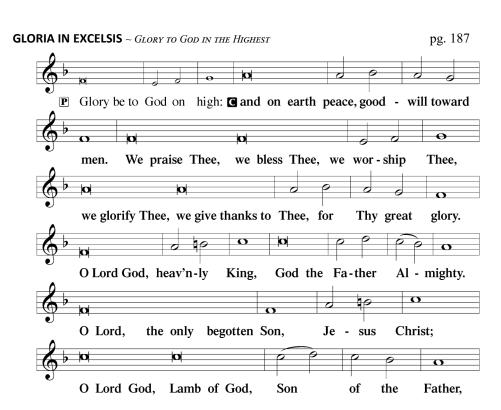
⁵Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act. ⁶He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

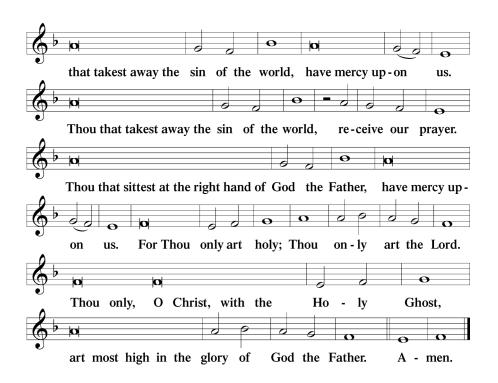
⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Let us pray...Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death at the cross for our redemption. Grant to us the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good; through the same Jesus Christ. Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You



(Sit)

OLD TESTATMENT READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

(The Lord gives His precious, saving words.)

¹⁵O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your forbearance take me not away; know that for Your sake I bear reproach.

16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart,
 for I am called by Your name,
 O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me, for You had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?Will You be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you,

and you shall stand before Me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my Mouth.

They shall turn to you,

but you shall not turn to them.

20 And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you,

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

declares the LORD.

PSALM Psalm 26

¹Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

²Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

³For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness. ₄

- ⁴I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.
- ⁵I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.
- ⁶I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD,
- ⁷proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.
- ⁸O LORD, I love the habitation of Hour house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- ⁹Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with blood thirsty men,
- in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- ¹¹But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- ¹²My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE (With genuine love, overcome evil with good.) Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

VERSE Matthew 16:25

L Alleluia.

Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Stand) Matthew 16:21-28

(Jesus calls His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.



²¹From 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. ²²And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You." ²³But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man"

man."

²⁴Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For 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. ²⁸Truly, 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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HYMN OF THE DAY "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

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SERMON





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
→ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

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POSTLUDE - DOROTHY

arr. Charles Callahan

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