



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rite II
10:30 am

The Word of God

Prelude-*Largamente*- L. Boellmann

Wendi Gustafson- Organ

Opening Hymn- *A mighty fortress is our God (v. 1 & 4)*

Hymnal 687



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to



nev - er fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
would be los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
to un - do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
them, a - bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours



of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
the man of God's own choos - ing; dost ask who that may be?
his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:



and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

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

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People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Officiant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

Gloria

Hymnal S280 - BCP p. 356

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant 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. **Amen.**

All are seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Reader A Reading from the book of Exodus (3:1-15)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm Appointed

Reader The portion of the Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 105 verses 1-6, 23-26, and 45c on page 738 in the BCP. Let us read in unison.

*Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.*

*Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.*

*Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

*Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.*

*Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,*

*O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.*

*Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.*

*The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;*

*Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.*

*He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.*

Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn – *Take up your cross, the Savior said*

Hymnal 675

We will sing verses 1 & 4 before the Gospel and verse 5 after the Gospel is read.



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

All stand

The Gospel

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16:21-28).

People ***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."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

Fr. Robert Certain

Nicene Creed

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All stand.

***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 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.*

After the Creed: You may sit, kneel, or remain standing for the Prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

The Prayers of the People: Form III

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Reader Father, we pray for the members of St. Christopher's by the Sea, Portland and St. Stephen's, Wimberley, for our Vestry and staff and for your holy Catholic Church;

People ***That we all may be one.***

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Reader We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife Caroline; for Michael our Presiding Bishop and his wife, Sharon; for David our bishop and his wife, Patti; for Stephen our rector elect and his wife, Jennifer; Robert our Interim Rector and his wife Robbie; for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader We pray for Donald our President, Greg our Governor, Don our Mayor, for the Congress and Supreme Court of this nation, for all legislators and jurists in our state, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Reader Have compassion on Bill Anderson, Kenneth, Morgan, Audrey Herron, Susan Neuman, Ardith Perry, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Reader Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger;

People *and bring them in safety to their journey's end.*

Reader Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit,

People *That by their ministries, the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified.*

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Reader We praise you for Blessed Andrew and all your saints who have entered into joy;

People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For those who give their time to help with Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center.

For all healthcare professionals and their families.

For our armed forces and their families at home and abroad.

For all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus.

For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and

recovery facilities, especially: Ann Benham, Betty Rainey, Judy McClendon,

Patsy Creager, Ruth Burges, and Rose Foegelle.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Officiant Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

***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.***

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

Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers

Birthdays

Officiant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Hallie Moore, Jack Alexander, Emmy Aubin, Jinny Turnier, and Kelly Modl as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries

Officiant and People

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, Joe & Sudy Bruns, Alan & KT Cockerell and John & Barbara Upper, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Offertory Anthem- *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy- Calvin Hampton*

Soloist- Leo Garcia
Samuel Gaytan- Violin

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

***Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.***

Prayer

Officiant and People

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me. I believe that you are truly

present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn- *Lift High the Cross (v. 1 & 4)*

Hymnal 473

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has two parts: a 'Descant' and a 'Refrain'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support for the vocal line.

Descant
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con- quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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Dismissal

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Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude-*Now let us all thank God –H.W. Tauscher*

Wendi Gustafson- Organ

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Al & Janice Pruitt in loving memory of her sister, Vickie L. Monfelt.



Ministers in the Lord's Service

Officiant- Fr. Robert Certain

Lay Reader- Linda Hannasch

Altar Guild- Sandy Merrell

Ushers- Carlotta Coffman, Margaret Taylor

Musicians- Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Soloist

Samuel Gaytan- Violin

Wendi Gustafson- Music Director/Organ

Camerasmen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle, Jack Merrell

Sound- Carolyn Baker

