

**Holy Trinity Church**  
**446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550**  
*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts*

**The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
**August 30, 2020**  
*9:30 a.m. Choral Service*

*The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher*  
*Lana Pieczynski, Guest Organist*

**Prelude:** *"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"* - Arr. By Ken Medema

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**Processional hymn #388**                      *Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) Music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678-1727)*

**O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing his power and his love!**  
**Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**  
**O tell of his might! O sing of his grace! Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.**  
**His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

### **Acclamation**

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

*People* **And Blessed be God's Kingdom now and forever. AMEN**

### **Collect for Purity**

**Gloria: S-280 Glory to God**    *Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect** *(said by all)*

**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.**

### **First Reading**

*Reader*                      A reading from the book of Exodus

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.

*Exodus 3:1-15*

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

## Silence

**Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c**    *Said by all in unison*    **BCP p. 738**

**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!**

## Gospel Acclamation



## Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

**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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord      **People**      **Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Sermon**    *Rev. Vicki Ix, video*

**Prayers of the People IV, BCP, p. 388**    **RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer for the Parish - O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen**

**Confession & Absolution**      **BCP, p. 360**

**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.**

**The Peace**

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

**Offertory: "Seek Ye First"** (*Pachelbel*) - *Arr. By Douglas E. Wagner*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**      **Prayer Book, p. 361**

**Sanctus #S-129 Holy, holy, holy Lord**      *Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer**      **Prayer Book, p. 364**

**Fraction Anthem: S-155**      *Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Communion**

**Prayer**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)**

## The Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

**Recessional Hymn #390** *Words: Joachim Neander; Music: Lobe den Herren, melody from Erneuertem Gesangbuch*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: join the great throng, psaltery organ, and song, sounding in gladoration.**

**Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reign-eth; born as on eagles-wings, safely his saints he sustain-eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou need-est hath been granted in what he ordain-eth?**

**Dismissal** Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"* - J.S. Bach

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