



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 30, 2020

**B** Bishop **P** Preacher **A** Assisting Minister **C** All

## *Gathering*

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### *Confession and Forgiveness*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism:*

**B** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**B** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

**B** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**B** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

### *Apostolic Greeting & Prayer of the Day*

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

**C** And also with you.

**B** Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Hearing the Word

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### First Reading

Romans 12:9-21

#### **A** A reading from Romans:

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>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." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

#### **A** Word of God, word of life.

#### **C** Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

### *I Love to Tell the Story (Refrain)*

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*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 'Refrain' label above it. The notes are: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). The lyrics 'I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with notes: C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics 'to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.' are written below the second staff.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911  
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] 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.

<sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>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."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

<sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>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?

<sup>27</sup>"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.

<sup>28</sup>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."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.



1 O God, em - pow - er us to stem the ha - treds that di - vide.  
 2 When neigh - bors feel dis - tress, or grieve, or sick - ness takes it toll,  
 3 Though cold sus - pi - cion meet our warmth, we love at your com - mand;



En - a - ble us to bring an end to ghist - ly wars of pride.  
 en - a - ble us to feel their pain, the bet - ter to con - sole.  
 and though not al - ways un - der - stood, we pray to un - der - stand.



Let our ex - am - ple point the way, that feuds be not pro - longed.  
 And when the neigh - bor's path is dark and heav - y with de - spair,  
 En - a - ble us to sti - fle greed for thanks or gain, dear Lord,



Let us for - give, as you for - gave, when we have suf - fered wrong.  
 help us to lift the gos - pel's light and show the Fa - ther's care.  
 and live that sac - ri - fi - cial life which is its own re - ward.

Text: Lee M. Baldwin, 1906–1982  
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English melody

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### *Apostles' Creed*

**A** Let us confess our baptismal faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C** 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 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.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

- A** Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- A** God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick, particularly those we name aloud, in silence or on our social

media using the hashtag #demdprays. *Silence is kept for a moment.* Lord,  
in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering,  
and persevere in prayer. Make of each of us a workshop of your love.  
When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with  
good. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy  
ones who now live in your undying light. In our remembering, give us  
a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer  
these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer*

**A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C** 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Sending

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### Thanksgiving for the Word

**B** Let us give thanks for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C** Amen.

### Blessing

**B** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,

In the name of the Father, Son  $\text{✝}$  and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Sending Hymn

### Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

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Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860  
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*Dismissal*

**A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**G** Thanks be to God!

## *Worship Leaders*

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