

# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020



**Hymn:** *"New every morning is the love"*

*Melcombe*

**Sara Westermarck, soprano**

New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day, around us hover while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice.

Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be, as more of heaven in each we see;  
some softening gleam of love and prayer shall dawn on every cross and care.

The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask:  
room to deny ourselves; a road to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love, fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.

*John Keble*

## The Officiant begins with these sentences

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

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

## Song of Praise

*Gloria in excelsis (S-280)*

Robert Powell

**Sara Westermarck, soprano**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly 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.

*Canticle 20*

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

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.**

## The Lessons

### A reading from Jeremiah (15:15–21)

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. 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. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. 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, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

*The Word of the Lord.*

Sara Westermarck, soprano

**Antiphon** (*The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all*)



Test me, O Lord, and try me; ex - a - mine my heart and my mind.

Give judgment for me O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.  
Test me O Lord and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.

ANTIPHON

For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.  
I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

ANTIPHON

I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.  
I will wash my hands in innocence O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,

ANTIPHON

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

ANTIPHON

### 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.

*The Word of the Lord.*

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16:21–28)

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."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Solo:** *“Take up your cross, the Savior said”*

Ronald Corp

**Sara Westermarck, soprano**

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you want to follow me. I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my wicked transgressions.

**The Nicene Creed (p. 358)**

*Officiant and People together*

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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 for 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.

## The Prayers

### A prayer for transition

Almighty God, you know the needs of your church in every place: look graciously upon the people of St James Parish, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we move through the search process for our new rector. Thank you for the faithful stewards you have provided, and will provide, for our leadership. We give thanks for those who have committed to serve on the Search Committee and ask for blessing on their endeavors. Give us discernment, wisdom, patience, and confidence in your timing. Help us to care for each other with mutual trust, respect, kindness, and clarity of purpose. You are the Good Shepherd, and we ask you to shepherd us throughout this journey. In the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

### Prayers in this time of pandemic

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the church, and the world.

We pray for the church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as a beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Rob our Bishop, Pierce our Interim Rector, our clergy, staff, wardens and vestry, and all who minister in your name.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us join all Episcopalians in The Diocese of East Carolina as we pray for Ministries, Committees, & Commissions of the Diocese of East Carolina and Grace Church, Lewiston-Woodville. May we all join together across the diocese in lifting up their ministry.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all affected by the coronavirus. We pray for all leaders and healthcare workers as they work for the common good to protect all. Grant public health and government officials the strength and will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion in service to all. We pray especially for our president, the Congress, Governors and mayors.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those students and teachers who are returning to school may they be safe and have a delight for learning once again.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to racial and ethnic inequality. Let us pray for the wisdom and the will to eradicate the hatred and disrespect that weave through our culture and its official structures. Ignite a fire in us for racial equality.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer..**

We pray for all those known to our community who stand in need of God's healing power, remembering especially Bill, Bob, Delilah, Jocelyn, Sarah... and others who we mention at this time.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts, that confident in your providence we may be generous in sharing our resources. Grant that our churches and communities of faith may reflect your love, as they minister to the most vulnerable among us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have already lost loved ones and those who will yet suffer such loss that they may know the consolation of your love. On this Sunday, we pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Jean Rogers, Joe Rogers, Betty Calder, Carolyn Anne Cotchett that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

### The Concluding Collect

Holy and sovereign Lord, when the earth and all its people quake, you hold its pillars firm. What is uncertain and frightening to us is completely known to you and controlled by you. Look mercifully on the people of St James Parish. Although at this time we are apart from each other, we pray your Holy Spirit will unite us as one. Pour upon us your peace which passes all understanding, keep us safe and healthy, and above all, keep us mindful of those to whom we should show the love and compassion of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Confession of Sin

*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.**

### The Blessing

**Benediction:** "*How Can I Keep From Singing?*"

American melody, *arr. John Sullivan*

**Sara Westermark, soprano**

My life flows on in endless song;

Above earth's lamentation,

I hear the sweet, though faroff hymn

That hails a new creation;

Thro' all the tumult and the strife

I hear the music ringing;

It finds an echo in my soul:

How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?

The Lord my Savior liveth;

What though the darkness gather round?

Songs in the night he giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that refuge clinging;

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,

How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;

I see the blue above it;

And day by day this pathway smooths,

Since first I learned to love it;

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,

A fountain ever springing;

All things are mine since I am his:

How can I keep from singing?

## The Dismissal

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Hymn:** *"Where charity and love prevail"* (sts. 1–2, 6)

*New Britain*

**Sara Westermark, soprano**

Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear  
his charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength  
now love him in return.

Love can exclude no race or creed,  
if honored be God's name;  
our common life embraces all  
whose Father is the same.



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