

# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### **Opening Acclamation**

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity p. 323

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Kyrie eleison p. 324

The Collect of the Day p. 181

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### The Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Holy Bible, NRSV, p. 185

Commentary: When Moses spoke to the Israelites camped near the border of the Promised Land, he knew he would not be leading them across the Jordan River. Before he died, Moses made one last appeal to Israel, exhorting them to obedience. The criteria God placed before His people that would enable them to flourish in the land can be summed up in one word: obedience. Moreover, God had given them the Mosaic Law so that they could obey Him. God's love for the people was the motivation for the Mosaic Law, and in return, love for God should motivate obedience to Him. For Israel, for us, the choice to love or not to love God is a foundational decision, it sets the tone for every decision that follows.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

### People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Ingle and Bill Hale.

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