



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2023
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

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Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Romans 12:1–8 The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1035

Commentary: Paul was careful to show that the basis of salvation is the same for everyone, Jew or Gentile. Now Paul stressed appropriate Christian conduct in light of everything God has done for us. Relationship to God is foundational and governs all other conduct. Paul called us to present ourselves as an offering to God because He has been merciful to us. Self-dedication to God is an act of worship. Minds are renewed by deliberately choosing to follow the will of God. Paul advised his readers not to think more highly of themselves than they should because sound judgment and humility are necessary for accurate self-evaluation. God graciously bestows gifts that are meant to be exercised within the body of Christ for the mutual benefit of its members.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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