

The Thirteenth Sunday After   
Pentecost 

August 30th, 2020



WHOEVER WANTS TO SAVE  
THEIR LIFE WILL LOSE IT,  
BUT WHOEVER LOSES THEIR  
LIFE FOR ME WILL FIND IT.



**St. Stephen's**  
Episcopal Church † Lakeland, Florida

To Love and Serve **God and Neighbor**

## Opening Hymn

#686 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* verses 1&2

*Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! O fix me on it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.*

## Opening Acclamation

+ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## Collect for Purity

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.**

## Glory to God

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.**

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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 First Reading

A Reading from Romans.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*(Romans 12:9-21)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

105:1-6

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.

+ Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## The Holy Gospel

+ + + The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according  
to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that  
he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands  
of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law,  
and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to

life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

*(Matthew 16:21-28)*

The Gospel of The Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

## 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.

### Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
especially those on our prayer list and the suffering people of  
the world.

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the  
needy.**

For those serving in the armed forces, those wounded or  
recovering in veterans' hospitals, those serving in combat and  
those serving in safety.

**For the peace and protection of God.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the  
Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Greg our Bishop, David,  
Rob, and Doug our clergy, and for all bishops and other  
ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For blessings upon Matt and Hilary.  
**For healthy babies and a safe delivery.**

For our schools, scouts, and all of the children and youth of  
our parish.

**For your grace and their ever growing knowledge and love  
of you.**

For our parish family.



**Bind us together and draw us always closer to you.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*(you may add your own intercessions and thanksgivings)*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;  
*(you may add your own intercessions and thanksgivings)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.  
*(you may add your own intercessions and thanksgivings)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your  
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your  
Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

+ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy  
has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with  
repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and

strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

### The Announcements

Sunday services will continue at 9am, 10am, and 11am with a Wednesday morning service at 9am. The 9am Sunday service will continue to be livestreamed on an ongoing basis.

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

Romans 12:12

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

### The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

(Ephesians 5:2)

### *“I Surrender All” verse 1*

*1 All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.*

*I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.*

## The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord,  
And of thine own have we given thee.

(1 Chronicles 29:14)

## Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

+ On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

+ After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

+ Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

+ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

### The Family Song

*Here we are, gathered together as a family  
Bound as one, lifting up our voices to the King of kings*

*We sing Abba, Father, holy is Your name  
Abba, Father, holy is Your name.*

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please stay at your seat. The clergy will come to you with the consecrated Bread.

*“I Surrender All” verses 2&3*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.*

*I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament

of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayers, Intercessions, and Thanksgiving

### Anniversaries

Doug and Michele Jump

### Birthdays This Week:

Rick Tallent, Deacon Doug Jump, Eileen Fox,  
Fran Henry, Judy Wilder

## Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

+ May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his son Jesus Christ and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

## Closing Hymn

#686 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* verse 3

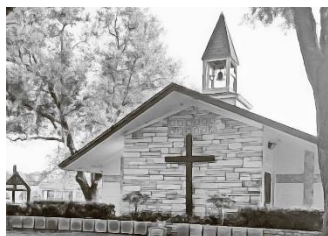
*Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee;  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.*

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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