

St. Monica's Episcopal Church

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 16

August 21st & 22nd, 2021

The Service begins with the Organ Lighting of the Candles and the Voluntary.

Please use this time for *silent prayer* and *meditation*.

Voluntary

Blessed Jesus at Thy Word (Based on Hymn 440)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn in Procession

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Hymn 460

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

People **And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the Highest

Robert Powell, S - 280

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Please Be Seated

The First Reading

Joshua 24 : 1 – 2a, 14 – 18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight.

He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

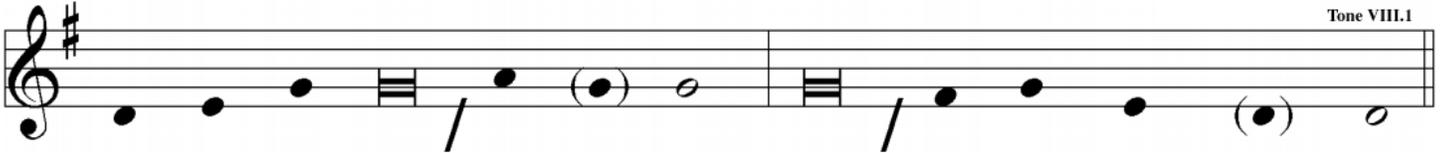
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Benedicam Dominum

Psalm 34 : 15 – 22

Tone VIII.1



- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the / righteous,*
and his ears are / open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do / evil,*
to root out the remembrance of / them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD / hears them*
and delivers them from / all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the broken/hearted*
and will save those whose / spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the / righteous,*
but the LORD will deliver him / out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe / all his bones;*,
not one of them / shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the / wicked,*
and those who hate the righteous / will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his / servants,*
and none will be pun/ished who trust in him.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 6 : 10 – 20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. **Amen.**

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

Please Stand

Gradual Hymn

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Hymn 304

The Gospel

John 6 : 56 – 69

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan W. Evans

Please Stand

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.*

Please Stand or Kneel

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Hear our prayer."

I ask your prayers for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Church, and for the unity of all peoples,
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Dabney our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. For the leaders of our nation, and of all nations. We also pray for all those who are serving in our Armed Forces, especially Katie Coston, Noah Evans, Sal Filardi Jr., Dane Grauer, Devin Harrity, Emma McHenry, Kate McHenry-Evans,

Schaeffer McHenry-Grauer, Troy Nelson, Tristan Pate, James Pyles, Doug Ross, Drew Scullard, Daniel Williams, and Peter Witte. Pray for justice and peace, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
 I ask your prayers for this city of Naples, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
 I ask your prayers for the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
 I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays this week: Sean Boddicker, Susan Docimo, Ronald Foisy, Marge Gower, Ann Hoffman, Alexander Lyons, Billy Owen, Linda Pilc, Sarah Plocharczyk, Peter Preu, Dot Rasmussen, Robert Smith, Kyle Williamson. We also give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Donald and Joan Fuggi, Sandra and Kjell Johansen, Melinda and Mary McCown. We pray that our guests today know the joy of life in Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
 I ask your prayers for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
 I ask your prayers for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
 In the communion of St. Monica and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All 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.*
 Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Please Stand

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

During the Offering

O Praise and Honor to Our King

Max Reger

Please Stand

Offertory Hymn

The Doxology

Hymn 380, Verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant includes a Proper Preface

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:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Robert Powell, S - 129

**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.**

Please Stand or Kneel

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:

Memorial Acclamation

Music by McNeil Robinson

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Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

Great Amen

Music by McNeil Robinson

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The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, 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.*

Fraction Anthem

Music by Gerald Near

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (10:00 AM)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things,
and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come
spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated
from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

You are invited and encouraged to come to God's table. The communion bread is received on an outstretched palm.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

I Am the Bread of Life

Hymn 335

Please Stand

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious
Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we
are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send
us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our
Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be
with you, now and always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn in Procession

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymn 409

Voluntary

Pasticcio from The Pieces of Organ

Jean Langlais