

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 16

August 27, 2023

The Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Isaiah 51:1-6

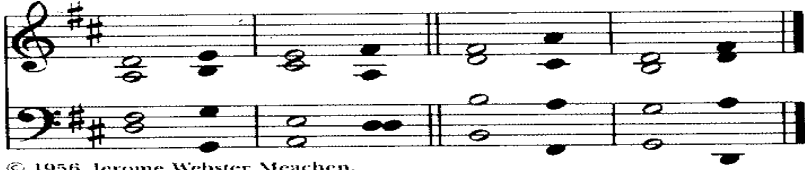
“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 138

The Psalm will be chanted.



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- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole **heart**; *
even before the gods will I sing praises to **you**.
- 2 I will worship toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because
of your loving-kindness and **truth**, *
for you have magnified your Name and your word above all **things**.
- 3 When I called upon you, you **heard me** *
and gave me increase of **strength**.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, *
for they have heard the words of your **mouth**.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD be high, yet he has respect for the **lowly**; *
as for the proud, he beholds them from a-**far**.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall you re-**fresh me**; *
you shall stretch forth your hand upon the furiousness of my enemies,
and your right hand shall **save me**.
- 8 The LORD shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; *
your mercy, O LORD, endures for ever; despise not the works of your
own **hands**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, and to the Holy **Spirit**: as it was in
the beginning, is now and ever **shall be**, world without end. **A-men**.

A Reading from Romans 11:25-36

Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”; “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.” As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 16:13-20

All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now 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, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Proper Preface *The Lord’s Day*

For the Celebrant to read after the Sursum Corda.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life .