

**Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place**  
**=== Spiritual Communion ===**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost: August 30, 2020**  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introduction** – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

**The Word of God**

**Opening Hymn** – Hymnal #473, "Lift High the Cross," v. 1 & 4

Refrain: (start here)

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred Name.

Verse 1:

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.  
(to Refrain)

Verse 4:

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory.  
(to Refrain)

**Opening Acclamation**

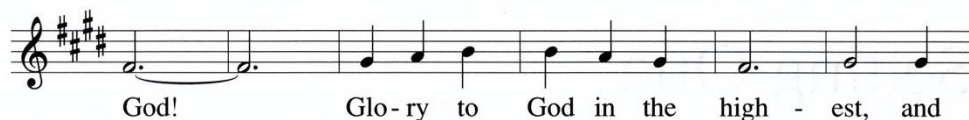
Presider      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*      ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Presider      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** –To be sung 2 times

**153 GLORIA**

Refrain



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## **The Collect, Lessons, and Gospel :**

### **The Collect of the Day**    *From Planning for Rites and Rituals 2019-2020*

Presider        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 forever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Lessons**

Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8    *Judica me, Domine*

*Reader:*

Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

The Epistle – Romans 12:9-21

*Reader:*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for

it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

**\*Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia**

*After a brief introduction, sing two times through*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**The Gospel – Matthew 16:21-28**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

**People** *Praise to you, O Christ.*

**The Sermon – Rev. Lois**

**The Nicene Creed** *Adapted from the original Nicene Creed, 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D.*

**All** *We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. 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, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and we look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People** *Composed & revised by Trisha Finnegan, Worship Committee member*  
*Reader leads and People respond:*

Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring forth our hopes and needs to our loving, liberating God, responding “God of mercy, hear our prayer.”

We pray for leaders in all faith traditions around the world who minister to those in their care. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, our Bishop, and Lois, our Priest-In-Charge. May they continue to serve as beacons of hope, equity, and love.

*God of mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for those in positions of leadership and authority in our nation, especially for Donald, the president; members of Congress; the justices of the Supreme Court; and our governors and mayors; that unified in purpose they will respond with wisdom, compassion, and justice to the needs of all people during this troubled time in our common life.

*God of mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who journey from illness to health, despair to hope, grief to consolation, and loneliness to fellowship; especially for those suffering from chronic physical or mental illness, and for those affected by COVID-19. *God of mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for everyone experiencing financial hardship, or any housing, healthcare, or food insecurity, particularly in the most vulnerable communities of your Black, Brown, and Indigenous Children. *God of mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for victims of fire and other natural disasters, first responders, and all who offer aid. *God of mercy, hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all the departed, remembering the multitude of named and unnamed souls who have lost their lives because of racial injustice. May they rest in peace in that place where there is no pain or grief but only life everlasting. *God of mercy, hear our prayer.*

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and it is an act of faith. *God of mercy, hear our prayer.*

*Reader:* Holy God, you call us to be made holy, to be made in your image. We trust in your generosity, and so are free to be generous ourselves, opening our hearts and sharing our treasure freely. Bless the gifts that we have made in support of Christ the Lord church and our community, thereby giving to the work of your church in our world. *Amen.*

*We observe silence during the service at this time so you may add your individual prayers. Know that they are heard spiritually by all, as whenever two or more are gathered, even virtually, God is present.*

Presider concluding prayer:

*Prayer in Time of Isolation, written by the Rev. Dr. Kate Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary*

Almighty God: Our times are in your hand. We call upon you in this hour of our need, when we are lonely and must stand apart. Be our strength, O Sovereign Lord, our calm in the midst of raging seas, our refuge and our dwelling place. Sanctify to us this time drawn away from others, even as your Son, O Father, drew away to a lonely place for prayer. Deepen our need of you, O Lord, that every breath may be a whisper of the Spirit's prompting, a renewed searching of the deep things of God. Stir up in us the great act of intercession that we may spend our time apart in prayer for the world you created and sustain. Bless us in our turning toward you, and make us a blessing to those who stand in need of you, the whole fragile earth. All this we ask in the name of the great Physician, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Invitation to The Holy Communion / The Spiritual Communion**

*Adapted from Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP; Chichester Cathedral website, UK; and CDSP (Church Divinity School of the Pacific) website, US*

**The Offertory Sentence**

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## The Doxology

*All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbors.

*All Almighty and merciful God,  
We have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with all our heart.  
We have not loved others as our Savior Christ loves us.  
We are truly sorry.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
Help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;  
So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Priest Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Presider The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 - Gather #168**

**SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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**Presider** 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.

**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ. May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

**The 'Comfortable' Words** *Adapted from Chichester Cathedral website, UK*

**Presider** Hear the words of comfort our Savior Christ says to all who truly turn to him: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
*Matthew 11:28*

Hear what Saint John says:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atonement for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Hear what Saint Paul says:

This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38-39*

**Spiritual Communion** *Adapted from CDSP website*

Spiritual communion offers one way to sustain ourselves as we await the time when we can once again gather in the same space with other Christians to celebrate Eucharist. / The 1979 Prayer Book refers to spiritual communion in the form for Ministration to the Sick, directing the priest to assure a person unable to eat and drink the bread and wine “that all the benefits of Communion are received even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth” (BCP 457). The Prayer Book for the Armed Services suggests a prayer for spiritual communion, modified here for group recitation.

Presider Remembering the words of our Lord Jesus, and of Saints John and Paul, let us say together a prayer for Spiritual Communion:

*All In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**The Lord’s Prayer** 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.*

**Post Spiritual-Communion Prayer** *From the Church of England*

*The Presider and People pray together*

*Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful;  
in these days of challenge, make us stronger in you;  
in these days of emptiness, take possession of us;  
in these days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of your cross.  
Amen.*

**Presider Blessing** *From Compline, BCP*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*



**Closing Hymn** – Gather #533, "They'll Know We Are Christians," v. 1 & 2

Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.

Verse 2:

We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.

**Dismissal**

**Priest**            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People**            *Thanks be to God.*

Don't forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the live-streaming service,  
11:00 am, through Zoom!

Check your email from Sandy for details.