

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Rite I Holy Eucharist • September 8, 2019 • 8 am

Our service begins on page 323 in the blue Book of Common Prayer.

THE COLLECT

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in you with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love~ and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother~ especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant For love of God and love of neighbor, let us pray for the Church and for the World, saying:
In the power of the Holy Spirit, fill us with Life.

Following each petition, the people respond

Fill us with Life.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

The Church believes that in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ is given to God's people and received by faith. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome here and invited either to participate in Communion or to receive a blessing. To receive the bread, please hold your hands out in front of you. To receive the wine, help guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer, you may dip the bread in the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you do not wish to receive the bread and the wine, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands across your chest, and receive a blessing. **Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.**

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: David Schlantz, Marren Jenkins, Calvin Schleker, Jacy Roth, Sally McLaurin, David Burrow, Pattie Kovach, Wally Lovejoy, Andrea Torbeck, Andy Jamison, Cassie Palmquist, Matt Leopard, Franklin Firesheets.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Calie Matheny & Armand Antommara, Solveig & Tom Rieskamp, Jeff & Susan Robinson, Missy & Chuck Darling, Angie & Wally Lovejoy, Anna & Mike Grisi.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Cathy Hunt by the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Philip DeVaul
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Gary Lubin
<i>Lector</i>	Sarah-Theresa Y. Murakami
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Steve Zimmerman
<i>Intercessor</i>	Stewart Lewis
<i>Bankers</i>	Missy Holzman, Cynthia Walker, Larry Kissel (alt.)
<i>Bread Guild</i>	Hollis Bass , Les McNeill, Pattie Kovach
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Kathleen Stengel, Jenny Gale, Angela Lyman, Zule Montgomery
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Karen Staffiera, Kathy Behne, Jan Hill, Pattie Kovach, Katy Mallon, Amanda Rasche
<i>Children's Liturgy</i>	The Rev. Joyce Keeshin, Tommy Kirk

