

# **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Cycle A – Proper 22 (Green)**

## **Sunday August 30, 2020**

*Presider and Speaker:* the Rev. Christine Muise

*Dialogue and Interview:* Evan Matzanke, Luke Desvaux, the Rev. Andrew Twiddy

### *Readings*

**Exodus 3.1-15**

**Romans 12.9-21**

**Psalms 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c**

**Matthew 16.21-28**

### *Music for the day:*

Hymns from *Common Praise* (1998)

<b>Opening</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>You Call Us, Lord, To Be</b>
<b>Reflective</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant (verses 1-4)</b>
<b>At the Gospel</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>Will You Come and Follow Me?</b>
<b>At Prayer</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>Brother, Let Me Be Your Servant (verses 4-6)</b>
<b>Closing</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>The Love of Jesus Calls Us</b>

### *The Collect – the Prayer of the Day:*

**Ever-faithful One,  
in the flaming bush you promised deliverance to your people.  
In the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain.  
As we take up the cross, show us the transforming power of your love,  
so that we may know the hope of your glory. Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

A First Reading:        A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

**Can you imagine a flame of fire that never goes out?**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There the angel of the Holy One appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Holy One saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Holy One said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is God's name?' what shall I say to them?"

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." Then God said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

**Holy word, holy wisdom ~ hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches**

EXODUS 3:1-15 ~ NRSV, alt. A. Twiddy

## The Psalm

*REFRAIN            The Holy One has always been mindful of the covenant.*

*VERSE OF THE DAY:*    **We search for you, Holy One, and for your strength;  
   we continually seek your face.**

1 Give thanks to the Holy One and call upon God's name;  
    make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises,  
    and speak of all God's marvellous works.

3 Glory in the holy name;  
    let the hearts of those who seek the Holy One rejoice. R  
We search for you, Holy One, and for your strength;  
    we continually seek your face.

5 We remember the marvels you have done,  
    the wonders and the judgements of your mouth,  
O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
    O children of Jacob, God's chosen. R

23 Israel came into Egypt,  
    and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.  
Holy One, you made the people exceedingly fruitful;  
    you made them stronger than their enemies;

You turned their hearts, so that they hated God's people,  
    and dealt unjustly with his servants.

You sent Moses your servant,  
    and Aaron whom you had chosen. Hallelujah! R

## **A Second Reading: FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CHRISTIANS IN ROME**

Reader: What does it look like to live a joyful and compassionate life?"  
*A reading from Paul's letter to the Christian community in Rome*

<sup>9-10</sup> To sum up all I am saying: be genuine, and love from the centre of who you are.

*Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good.*

Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

<sup>11-13</sup> *Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert, as students of our Teacher, cheerfully expectant.*

*Don't give up in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy people; be inventive in hospitality.*

<sup>14-16</sup> Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

<sup>17-19</sup> *Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."*

<sup>20-21</sup> Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if they are thirsty, get them a drink. Your generosity will surprise them with goodness. Don't let evil get the better of you.

*In fact, by simply doing good, you will get the better of evil.*

(pause) Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.  
**(All: Thanks be to God)**

## **The Gospel Reading:**

### ***THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW***

Jesus now began to show the 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.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Teacher! This must never happen to you."

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me! Stop opposing me! You are a stumbling block to me. 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 Humanity will come with the angels in the glory of the Beloved, to correct 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 Humanity coming to preside with authority."

**...Holy Word, Holy Wisdom: The Gospel of Christ. ... Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Matthew 16: 21-28. NRSV, alt. A. Twiddy*

# *The Simplicity Prayer*

*The Prayer Jesus Gave Us,  
in the tradition and simplicity of Clare and Francis of Assisi*

*~ A Franciscan Lord's Prayer ~*

**Our Beloved,**

**Your energy is compassionate and unique.**

**We want everyone to be aware of this.**

**We want everything to share in this.**

**Restore all things,**

**to be in harmony, on the outside, and on the inside.**

**Give us what we really need now,**

**for today, and for each day.**

**Free us from the harm we have done,**

**and help us, in our journey of recovery,**

**to release those who have harmed us.**

**Keep us safe during our times of distress,**

**and release us from oppression.**

**For your purpose, your strength, and your glory,**

**is to bring together everyone and everything.**

**We are depending on this. We are committed to this.**

## **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost [Proper 22] (Green)**

**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### **Readings**

EXODUS 3:1-15; PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45C; ROMANS 12:9-21; MATTHEW 16:21-28

### **Collect**

Author and Giver of all good things,  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us in all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

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EXODUS 3:1-15

### **Psalm**

PSALM

REFRAIN The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

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 marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. R

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face. R

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. R

Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, and dealt unjustly with his servants.

He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.

Hallelujah! R

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45C

### **Second Reading**

#### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

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 honour. 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.

ROMANS 12:9-21

### **Gospel**

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

From that time on, 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."  
MATTHEW 16:21-28

Sunday between 28 August and 3 September (Proper 22) Exodus 3.1-15; Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c;  
Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28

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O God, in the flaming bush you promised deliverance to your people. In the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain. As we take up the cross, show us the transforming power of your love, so that we may know the hope of your glory. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt. 42

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O God, whose word burns like a fire within us: grant us a bold and faithful spirit, so that, in your strength, we may be unafraid to speak your word and follow where you lead; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

Remembering In our cycles of prayer:

1. Logan, our bishop, & Ansley, the diocesan administrator. S. Philip, Cedar  
- Susan Hermanson & Cindy Corrigan. Diocese of New Westminster - Archbishop Melissa Skelton.