

HOLY EUCHARIST ON THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Proper 23C

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Presider*      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                      and the love of God,  
                      and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
                      be with you all.

*People*          **And also with you.**

Act of Praise

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (CP 585)

The Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (ACRCL Proper 23C)

*Presider*      Let us pray.

Jealous God,  
you call us to hate the life  
that is an echo of death and a whisper of fear:  
give us the courage to pass through shadows  
and count the cost of a love beyond measure;  
through Jesus Christ, the one who is fully alive.

*People*          **Amen.**

Children's Message

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### The First Reading (Jeremiah 18.1-11)

*Reader*        A reading from the book of Jeremiah:

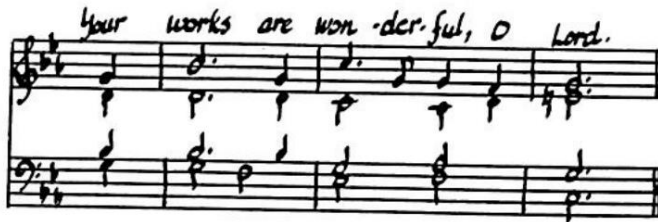
The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

*People*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalms (139:1-5, 12-17)

Cantor sings the refrain once. Everyone sings the refrain together.

Cantor sings the verses. Everyone sings the refrains.



Lord, you have searched me out and known me; (1)  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; (1)  
you discern my thoughts from afar. (2)  
You trace my journeys and my resting-places (1)  
and are acquainted with all my ways. (2)  
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips. (3)  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether. (4) *Refrain*

You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. *Refrain*

For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I will thank you because I am marvellously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well. *Refrain*

My body was not hidden from you. (1)  
while I was being made in secret (2)  
and woven in the depths of the earth. (3)  
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; (1)  
all of them were written in your book; (2)  
they were fashioned day by day. (3)  
when as yet there was none of them. (4) *Refrain*

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
how great is the sum of them!  
If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. *Refrain*

The Second Reading (Philemon 1-21)

*Reader* A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon:

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 more than I say.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

Gospel Acclamation (CP 709)

*Cantor* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Cantor* Let your countenance shine upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Gospel Reading (Luke 14.25-33)

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now large crowds were travelling 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 Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew Rampton

Musical Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

*Presider* Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All* I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* Merciful Creator God,

*People* **You have searched us out and known us;**  
the hopes we hold and regrets and sins that cling to us.  
The hurts we absorb and ferment;  
the tears we both cause and shed.

We stand before you: all that we have been and all that we are,  
knowing that only in you are we truly known  
as the ones you would have us be.  
Forgive us and guide us to face ourselves  
and respect each other with dignity,  
that we might welcome with you  
the gifts and challenges that your new creation brings,  
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.  
Amen.

*Presider* May God our Great Creator  
cleans your hearts of all stain from sin and brokenness,  
that you may walk with Jesus along the good road, his holy way.  
May God purify your minds, that you may be guided by the holy word.  
May God, our Great Creator clear your eyes  
that you may see the goodness God has created.  
May God, our Great Creator open your ears  
that you may hear God's voice.  
May God, make your souls one with the Trinity,  
so that you may worship in spirit and in truth,  
and love God, God's Peoples and God's creation with all your hearts, minds, bodies  
and souls. Amen.

The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said (CP 431)

Prayer over the Gifts (ACRCL Ordinary Time 2)

*Presider* Let us pray.

God of all creation,  
all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
so that we might for the world  
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (2)

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.



In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.  
Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

(CP 735)

*Presider*

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.

*People*      **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Presider*      As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
*All*              **Our Father in heaven,**  
                    **hallowed be your name,**  
                    **your kingdom come,**  
                    **your will be done,**  
                    **on earth as in heaven.**  
                    Give us today our daily bread.  
                    Forgive us our sins  
                    as we forgive those who sin against us.  
                    Save us from the time of trial,  
                    and deliver us from evil.  
                    For the kingdom, the power,  
                    and the glory are yours,  
                    now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (1)

*Presider* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."  
*People* **Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

The Communion

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Music During Communion

A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord (CP 177)  
As We Gather at Your Table (CP 61)

Prayer after Communion

*Presider* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.  
Gracious God  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body,  
live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup,  
bring life to others;  
we, whom the Spirit lights,  
give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

*Presider*      May God give you grace to follow the saints in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit be upon  
you now and always.

*People*          **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

You Are Salt for the Earth (CP 502)

Dismissal

*Presider*      Go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

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