

Order of Service: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

Prelude *Give Me Jesus*

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Collect for Purity *(people muted)*

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.**

Hymn *God is Love, let heaven adore him*

Abbot's Leigh

(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - jice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Collect of the Day *(people muted)*

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of radiance, fascinating in your kaleidoscopic diversity: help us to love ourselves as we mirror your image to the world, as we grow tired of this struggle, as we feel alone in our weariness; strengthen us when we grow faint of heart and give us a memory for the victories of our ancestors; help us remember a time when our forebears faced immeasurable pain with the sure knowledge that you were with them, and remind us that we are never truly alone. When we grow faint, gird us with your strength; when we doubt, fill us with confidence that that the beauty of our skin – ebony, mahogany, lemon, ivory, and taupe – is but a mere reflection of the richness of your glory. Help us to value the gifts we each bring into this broken world so that we might heal your world with an amazing kaleidoscope of love. **Amen.** ("Kaleidoscopic God" The Rev. Jayne Oasis in Race and Prayer).

A Reading *Jeremiah 15:15-21 (people muted)*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Go down, Moses*

Negro Spiritual arr. H.T. Burleigh
Malek Sammour, Soloist

When Israel was in Egypt's lan'
Let my people go,
Oppress'd so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go.

Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said,
Let my people go,
If not I'll smite your first born dead,
Let my people go.

Go down, Moses,
'Way down in Egypt's lan',
Tell ole Pharaoh,
To let my people go.

Go down, Moses,
'Way down in Egypt's lan',
Tell ole Pharaoh
To let my people go!

Slaves understood the message of the Bible story of Moses leading his people to freedom in a way that slave owners often overlooked. In a marvelous example of coded language, they could sing about this story right in front of the master. The name Moses might refer to the biblical character or to a conductor (Harriet Tubman, John Brown or others). Pharaoh (the slaveholder) would not expect Israel (the slaves) to make and attempt to leave Egypt (bondage) for the Promised Land (freedom).

Epistle Claudia Bryan Ward's Letter to the Church (*people muted*)

Claudia Bryan Ward is a retired HR professional and has attended St. Luke's for about 10 years. She is currently a member of the vestry and on the Deconstructing Racism Team. Her husband, Christopher Ward, is also an active member of St. Luke's.

Psalms *Alchemy of Healing* (video)

Irish Melody

Lyrics: Gilo, Original Arr: Bell

Arranged by: Ronald R. Braman for Winter Talk 2020

The Biblical psalms are the prayers of the people of Israel. For our Season of Deconstructing Racism, our psalms will poems, reflections, and songs that are the prayers of our communities of color now.

1. The cour - age we bor - row, the cour - age we
 2. Bring grace and bring kind - ness to all that you
 3. The dark - ness we ban - ish, the sha - dow we
 4. Come ga - ther your pow - er with good friends -

bring shall bind us in strength to the heal - ing we sing. The
 sing, to heal and to hon - our each fierce ten - der thing. Each
 blame, though hid - den, may help us to find our true name. So
 round. To - geth - er we stand in the truth of this ground. Our

cour - age to face an - y wound that we fear, shall bind us in
 shame left un - spo - ken may yet shine a light, a place that seem'd
 bring all your cor - age that all be made whole, trans - for - ming your
 cour - age can make us, can heal and can mend, and a wound can be

beau - ty and bless ev - ery tear.
 bro - ken, that place can give life
 sto - ry in bo - dy and soul.
 sa - cred, an - y wound we tran - scend.

The Gospel *Matthew 16:21-28 (people muted)*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *(people muted)*

The Rev. Isaiah Shaneequa Brokenleg
Episcopal Church Staff Officer for Racial Reconciliation
Diocese of South Dakota

Silence follows the sermon.

Video *Good Tears*

Native American Flute song performed by Alonzo Bighorse from the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho

Affirmation of Faith: Our Creed

(people muted)

Justo Gonzalez

**We believe in God, the Father almighty;
Creator of the heavens and the earth;
Creator of all peoples and all cultures;
Creator of all tongues and races.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Beloved Son;
God made flesh in a person for all humanity,
God made flesh in an age for all ages,
God made flesh in one culture for all cultures,
God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
through whom God became incarnate in Jesus Christ,
in whom God is present in our peoples and in our cultures;
through whom, God the Creator of all that exists
gives us power to become new creatures;
the Spirit's infinite gifts make us one people,
the Body of Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Church universal
because it is a sign of God's Reign;
whose faithfulness is shown in many hues,
where all colors paint a single landscape,
where all tongues sing God's praise.**

**We believe in the Reign of God—the day of the Great Fiesta,
when all creation's colors
will form a harmonious rainbow;
when all the peoples will join in joyful banquet,
when all tongues of the universe
will be united in one choir of praise.**

**And because we believe, we commit ourselves
to believe for those who do not believe,
to love for those who do not love,
to dream for those who do not dream,
until what we expect becomes a reality. Amen.**

Anthem *Finding Hope*

Ava Maria Safai
Malek Sammour, Soloist/Guitar

We've lost, we've all lost our way before
We've gone, we've gone too far away from hope.
We're stuck, stuck in the middle of the world
searching and searching
For everything we've never learned about hope

I'm caught in the middle,
Undoing the riddle that I can't unfold.
Untangling the movements,
but it seems so useless when I'm wondering
where we went wrong

Finding hope We can all cope
When trying to unscramble and unravel
What it means to be okay

Finding hope
It's a long road that we've all got to travel
But we can handle whatever comes our way
Whatever comes our way

We'll find, we'll find the right road to take
someday I believe and I'll always believe in
everything I say Together we're strong, so much
stronger that we could have known Better
together than when we were standing all alone

I'm caught in the middle
Undoing the riddle that I can't unfold.
Untangling the movements.
But it seems so useless when I'm wondering
where we went wrong

Finding hope We can all cope
When trying to unscramble and unravel
What it means to be okay

Finding hope
It's a long road that we've all got to travel
But we can handle whatever comes our way
Whatever comes our way

Here we stand together, stand together
Standing tall (like a work of art)
When we're all together, all together
We will never feel too small

I'll hold your hand and never
Never let you go before the fall
We'll be here forever, here forever
With each other through it all

Finding hope We can all cope
When trying to unscramble and unravel
What it means to be okay

Finding hope
It's a long road that we've all got to travel
But we can handle
Whatever comes our way

Finding hope
It's a long road that we've all got to travel
But we can handle whatever comes our way
We've got each other for the day

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: In hope that the arc of history bends toward justice, we lift up our prayers for healing,
saying: Bind us together, O God of love.

For the Church, that its prophetic voice and action may proclaim and claim the challenge to
deconstruct racism breaking the hopeless cycles of poverty, ignorance, prejudice, and despair which
degrade the sacred dignity of humankind, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For the wonder of creation, that we might use its resources rightly in the service of others and to the Glory of God, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For our country, that we might celebrate our racial diversity and the distinctive and rich contributions of every fiber of our cultural fabric, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For wise and decisive action on the part of local and national leaders, that the scandal of racism might be eradicated from our society, and equity and justice established as the law of the land, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For a reimagining of economic, political, and social systems that have resulted in the disproportionate suffering and death of people of color throughout our history and as revealed during the COVID-19 pandemic, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering; for the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For all who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Bind us together, O God of love.

Presider: God of love, You created every human being in your image and you command us to love each other as you love us. Hear our prayers as we come before you, and inspire us to “do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.” **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Climate Caretakes, June 2, 2020

Presider: Merciful God, we come before you with heavy hearts.

We lament that racial injustice is so tragically common in our society. **God hear us.**

We lament that precious lives are lost because of hate and ignorance. **God hear us.**

We lament the prejudice, violence, and racism that mock your teachings. **God hear us.**

We lament that the Church has too often stayed silent in the face of racism. **God hear us.**

We lament that the climate crisis disproportionately impacts People of Color. **God hear us.**

We lament that racial justice has become polarizing in our society. **God hear us.**

We lament that some church leaders have spoken foolish and hateful words, which support the systemic racism that is a cancer to our world. **God hear us.**

Forgive us, oh Lord, for our complicity in these sins. Open our ears to listen, our minds to learn, our hearts to break open, and our lives to do the work of justice.

Presider: May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Anthem *Let us break bread together*

Traditional Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan
Malek Sammour, Soloist

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the
risin' sun, Oh, Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees,
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the
risin' sun, Oh, Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the
risin' sun, Oh, Lord have mercy on me.

As we pray the words of The Great Thanksgiving, know that we all are woven together in the Body of Christ as the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood unites us in heart and spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving (*Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer A*)

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

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

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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *(people unmuted)*

**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.**

As this broken bread was scattered over the mountains,
And was gathered together to become one,
So let Your Body of Faithful be gathered together
From the ends of the earth into Your kingdom. *(Didache, 1st Century)*

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed body and blood are offered, I long to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray You to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from You; let me serve You in this life until, by Your grace, I join You in Your reign of unending peace. Amen.

(St. Augustine of Hippo)

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Announcements

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Postlude *Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel?*

Traditional Spiritual arr. Mark Hayes
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