

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



***Sunday August 23, 2026
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist***

“Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation”

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship,
let's pray together the Collect for Purity:

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Please stand.

Hymn #370: Rejoice the Lord is King

By Charles Wesley

Verse 1

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Verse 2

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love.
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Verse 3

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart;

Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Verse 4

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME

Rev. Oz: 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

GLORY TO GOD (sung)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. For you
alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Hymn: Blessed Be the Name

By Beth Redman, Matt Redman

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

CCLI Song #3798438

Please be seated.

Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in prayer.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Rev. Oz: Almighty God,
we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE READINGS

First Reading – Isaiah 51:1-6

Reader: A Reading from Isaiah

“Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness,
Who seek the Lord:

Look to the rock from which you were cut,
And to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
And to Sarah who gave birth to you in pain;
When *he was only* one I called him,
Then I blessed him and multiplied him.”

³ Indeed, the Lord will comfort Zion;
He will comfort all her ruins.
And He will make her wilderness like Eden,
And her desert like the garden of the Lord.
Joy and gladness will be found in her,
Thanksgiving and the sound of a melody.

⁴ “Pay attention to Me, My people,
And listen to Me, My nation;

For a law will go out from Me,
And I will bring My justice as a light of the peoples.
⁵ My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth,
And My arms will judge the peoples;
The coastlands will wait for Me,
And they will wait expectantly for My arm.

⁶ Raise your eyes to the sky,
Then look to the earth beneath;
For the sky will vanish like smoke,
And the earth will wear out like a garment
And its inhabitants will die in the same way.
But My salvation will be forever,
And My righteousness will not fail.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your
name,

because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your name *

and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *

you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *

when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *

that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *

he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *

**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *

**O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the
works of your hands.**

Second Reading – Romans 12:1-8

Reader: A reading from Romans

12 Therefore I urge you, brothers *and sisters*, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. ⁴For just as we have many parts in one body and all the body's parts do not have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another. ⁶However, since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to use them properly*: if prophecy, in proportion to *one's* faith; ⁷if service, in the *act of* serving; or the one who teaches, in the *act of* teaching; ⁸or the one who exhorts, in the *work of* exhortation; the one who gives, with generosity; the one who is in leadership, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel – Matthew 16: 13-20

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and

others, Elijah; and *still* others, Jeremiah, or one of the *other* prophets.” ¹⁵ He *said to them, “But who do you yourselves say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then He gave the disciples strict orders that they were to tell no one that He was the Christ.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Please be seated.

THE SERMON – Rev. Oz

After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People: We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel or sit to pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Invitation to Confession

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Rev. Oz: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have
done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Rev. Oz: Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon
and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in
all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus
Christ
our Lord.

All: Amen

THE PEACE

Rev. Oz: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Please stand.

Offertory

Hymn: Jesus Messiah

By Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world
CCLI Song #5183443

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Oz: God of glory,
receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Oz: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Rev. Oz: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord

Rev. Oz: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Rev. Oz: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of
Heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you
Have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our
Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and
nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world.
Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all
The holy people who have served you in every age,
We raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your
Name.

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

Rev. Oz: We give thanks to you , Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.
On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Rev. Oz: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and
daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and forever.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*sung*)

Rev. Oz: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**People: 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

Rev. Oz: “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

THE COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*If you would like prayer during this time, the
Prayer Ministry is available by the font*

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus’ gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the

Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

Options at the altar rail: the common cup to your left, bread and wine mingled together to the right.

Hymn #354: I Cannot Tell

By K Bible; inspired by William Y Fullerton ©1996 Pilot Point Music

Verse 1

I cannot tell why He, the King of Heaven
Should leave the peace of all eternity
Why God Himself should lay aside His splendour
To leave the Father's side and come to me
But this I know, our silence filled with singing
And all our darkness fled from heaven's light
When Christ the Lord, so human, yet so holy
In love was born a child for me that Holy night

Verse 2

I cannot tell why He, the Joy of Heaven
Should give Himself to suffer for my sin
Why Holy God should love me in my shameful
Why He should die to draw my soul to Him
But this I know, That Christ the Lord is risen
And praise His Name, He's risen now in me
Because He lives, I'll rise to life eternal
He took my guilty heart and I'm forever free

Verse 3

I cannot tell when He will rule the nations
How He will claim His loved ones as His own
And who can tell the Holy jubilation
When all His children gather round His throne
But this I know, All flesh will see His glory
And skies will burst as all creation sings
The Son will rise on one eternal morning
When Christ the Saviour of the world is Lord and King

Hymn: I Speak Jesus

By A Benton, C Prince, D Smith, J Reeves, K Dutton, R Pratt

Verse 1

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

Verse 2

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

Chorus

Your Name is power
Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

Verse 3

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus

Verse 4

Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly
I speak the holy Name Jesus

CCLI Song #7136201

Hymn #657: Cleanse Me (Search me O God)

By J. Edwin Orr

Verse 1

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

Verse 2

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy Word and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Verse 3

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord - in me abide.

Verse 4

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me.
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

Post Communion Song

Please stand and sing.

Hymn: You are my all in all

By Dennis L Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek;
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool;
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name.
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup.
You are my all in all.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: Living God,
increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us
that we may please you in all things,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

Rev. Oz: Glory to God,

**People: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn #52: Blessed be the Name

By Charles Wesley, Ralph Hudson

Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing -
Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
The glories of my God and King -
Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

Refrain:

Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name;
Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name;
Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

Verse 2

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears -
Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
'Tis music in the sinner's ears -
Blessed be the Name of the Lord! [Refrain]

Verse 3

He breaks the power of cancelled sin -
Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
His blood can make the foulest clean -
Blessed be the Name of the Lord! [Refrain]

Verse 4

I never shall forget that day -
Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
When Jesus washed my sins away -
Blessed be the Name of the Lord. [Refrain]

Leader: God has reconciled us to Himself

People: Let us go forth as ministers of His
reconciliation. Alleluia!

Prayers of the People – August 23, 2026

James wrote, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b)

OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of
the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights &
Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary
The Right Reverend Shane Parker, Primate of The
Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our
Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

The Most Reverend Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of
Canterbury

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of the Province of
West Africa

IN OUR DIOCESE

The Mission of St. Edmund King & Martyr, Calgary
Diocesan Children and Youth Ministries

IN OUR SISTER DIOCESE OF THE WINDWARD ISLANDS

St. Philip, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias and

St. Joseph, on St. Vincent

The Rev. Khadisha Smart

IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

The Rt. Rev. Richard Reed, Bishop; The Rt. Rev Adam Halkett,
Bishop of Missinippi, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of
Saskatchewan

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

The dean, council, and congregations of the South West Area of
the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III; Prime Minister, Mark Carney; Premier Danielle
Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark; Medicine Hat Council Members;
Cypress County Councillor Robin Kurpjuweit

OUR CITY CHURCHES

Hillcrest Evangelical Missionary Church, Steve Pahl

OUR PROVINCE

Social Division: Healing around polarizing public debates, political
tensions, and regional separatism discussions.

The Mustard Seed of Medicine hat

OUR WORLD

Honduras – After a corrupt election, ask God to guide the country's new government to act with integrity and transparency. Pray that He will restore trust among the nation's people

B. C – Prayers for all the people displaced from their homes due to wildfires. Prayers for the firefighters and people helping with emergency aide in these times of disaster.

OUR PARISH

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec

Oz & Delynne L; Chandel & Mike L; Delle L

Compassion Canada & Teguh in Indonesia,

Jerusha in Ghana

Prayer Ministry

Library

Saturday Meal Program

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED

Anne and Ric; Shirley; Betty Lou; Colleen and Philip; Kolby; Leela;

Alan; John and Grace; Brock; Scott & and their families

If you or anyone you know would like prayer, call the Office at (403) 526-7713



St. Barnabas Anglican Church

Our Mission is Glorifying God as
Agents of His Reconciliation.

"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself -
and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."
2 Corinthians 5:19

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We give thanks for the service of these people this morning:

Celebrant

Reverend Oz Lorentzen

Lay Reader

Deb Deans

Prayers of the People

Kathy Exner

Music

Carol Fedoruk

Readers

Doug Heine & Kathy Exner

Bread/Wine Presenters

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