



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

August 23, 2026,

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

--- Everyone is WELCOME here, for everyone is beloved by GOD ---

“Who are you? Show me some ID!” The demand links our Scriptures today, beginning with a little baby floating on the Nile River in a basket... Here we meet the infant Moses, whose name means “drawn from” (Hebrew) “water” (Coptic) and whose identity as a Hebrew boy should have meant his death. Some 3,000 years later, Jesus wonders how the crowds have identified him: “Who do they say I am?” The apostle Paul (formerly named Saul) is interested in identifying not our names, nor who baptized us, but our *gifts for ministry*, all of which are necessary for the ongoing life of a church community.

Are you new to our church? We'd love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew. And, please stay for refreshments.

All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here, no questions asked. We offer home-made Bread, with gluten-free wafers as an option. Either form may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books that will be handed out.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____

Opening Hymn #525 _____ *The Church's one foundation*

Open Acclamation & Collect

Presider

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: S-277, *Glory to God*

setting by David Hurd

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

2. Lord God hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son on the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world:

have mer - cy on us: 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

Collect of the Day _____

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, together.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Reading _____ *Exodus 1:8-2:10*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put

the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 124*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Reading _____ *Romans 12:1-8*

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God ~ what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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Sequence Hymn: #509 _____ *Spirit divine, attend our prayers*

The Gospel Reading *Remain standing as able* _____ *Matthew 16:13-20*

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

Response **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ *The Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco*
Please remain in silence for a moment of reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *Please stand* _____

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People _____

Deacon Let our prayers give voice to the needs of the world, the church, and those who
suffer; as we trust in the promise of our Savior that God will hear and respond.

Leader We pray for the Church, especially those who risk their own comfort or safety in order to follow Jesus. Bless Sean our Presiding Bishop, Anne our Assisting Bishop, and the candidates for our Diocesan Bishop: Terri, Zack and Holly. Give us all ready hearts and hands to serve the least and the lost. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for our nation in this time of political division, wars overseas, and economic distress, that our leaders may respond to your call for peace, justice and mercy. We pray for the people of Iran and Lebanon, Ukraine and Russia, Gaza and Israel; and for victims of earthquakes and other disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for this community, for the well-being of all families, migrants and refugees, and for persons confined in prison or detention. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For the sick and the suffering, especially those on our Prayer List and those we name aloud... That their cries for healing, comfort and dignity may be answered soon. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who are near death and those who have died, especially the people we name... Welcome them into your heavenly home, and bring us there, too, with all your saints, in the great reunion of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin, *please stand or kneel* _____

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence*

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.**

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution *is pronounced by the priest*

The Peace *Please stand* _____

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ!

Milestones and Announcements _____

Stump the Priest! _____ *Answering your questions*

The Offertory, *following an invitation to generosity from the priest*

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Offertory, Hymn #304 _____ *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing* _____ *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 1 _____ *EOWI*

The Lord be with you. **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.**

Priest It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of

life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: S-124 _____ *setting by David Hurd*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may kneel or remain standing, as the priest continues the prayer

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care, that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery in Egypt, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary the God-bearer, Jude and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer _____

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows*

Fraction Anthem: S-154 _____ setting by David Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep _____ the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion _____ Iona Community

- Priest* The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.
- Deacon* It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.
- Priest* It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.
- Deacon* So come to the table, for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.
- Both* These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

The Communion _____

*Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to come forward, or let them know if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. **All are welcome** but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms over your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Our bread contains gluten; we have gluten-free rice wafers if you prefer. The wine may be sipped from the chalice (please assist the chalice-bearer) or hold up your bread as you wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.*

Hymns at Communion:

Anthem _____ *Fill Your Cup with Joy*

WOV #710

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one body one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we
 bless. And we, though man-y through-out the earth,
 we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

To refrain

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free, wom - an or man no more.
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works, one in the Lord of all.
 3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

Prayer after Communion Please stand as able Church of England

Priest Let us pray.
 People Gracious God, lover of all,
 in this sacrament we are one family in Christ your Son,
 one in the sharing of his body and blood
 and one in the communion of his Spirit:
 help us to grow in love for one another
 and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
 We make our prayer through Jesus your Son, our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Out Hymn #495 Hail, thou once-despised Jesus

Sending Out

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude