



JESUS CHRIST LIBERATOR

Christ Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2022 10:30 am

If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us this morning. Should this form of worship be unfamiliar, relax and let the assembly carry you. We follow the worship pattern of the Book of Common Prayer (red book) beginning on page 355. Hymns and songs are found in Hymnal 1982 (blue book) or printed in this program. Kindly turn off cellphones for the duration of the liturgy.

Cover art: Brother Robert Lenz, OFM, "Jesus Christ Liberator," 2017

Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.

Prelude

"Ciacona in d minor"

Johann Pachelbel

At the ringing of the bell, all rise as able and turn to face the baptismal font.


Processional Hymn



1 You laid a - side your right - ful rep - u -
2 You touched the lep - er, ate with those re -
3 Help us to fol - low, Je - sus, where you
4 Draw us to you and with your love trans -
ta - tion and gave no heed to what the world might
ject - ed, re - ceived the wor - ship of a wo - man's
lead us to love, to serve, our own lives lay - ing
form us: the love we've seen, the love we've touched and
say; served as a slave and laid a - side your
tears: You shed the pride that keeps us from the
down; to walk your way of hum - ble, cost - ly
known; en - large our hearts and with com - pas - sion
gar - ments to wash the feet of those who walked your way.
free - dom to love our neigh - bor, lay - ing down our fears.
ser - vice, a cross its end, a ring of thorns its crown.
fill us to love, to serve, to fol - low you a - lone.

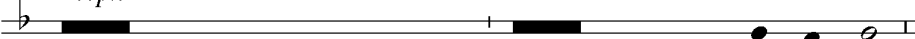
The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant



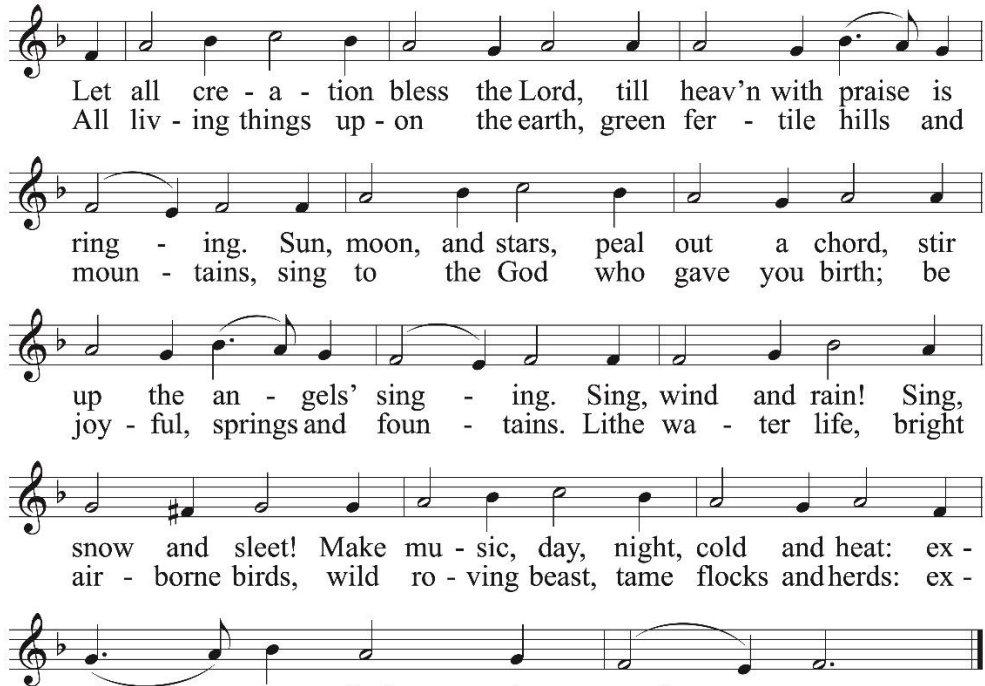
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People



And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Hymn of Praise



Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is
All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and
ring - ing. Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir
moun - tains, sing to the God who gave you birth; be
up the an - gels' sing - ing. Sing, wind and rain! Sing,
joy - ful, springs and foun - tains. Lithe wa - ter life, bright
snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
air - borne birds, wild ro - ving beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -
alt _____ the God who made _____ you.
alt _____ the God who made _____ you.

The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Concluding: "...for ever and ever." **Amen.**

The Word of God

All are seated.

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Assembly sings antiphon and repeats antiphon between verses.

Antiphon

For the Ho-ly One knows the
way of the right-eous, but the way of the wic-ked is doomed. —

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the antiphon, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a triplet of eighth notes on the second measure and another triplet on the eighth measure. The lyrics 'For the Ho-ly One knows the' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with a rest in the first measure, followed by the lyrics 'way of the right-eous, but the way of the wic-ked is doomed. —'. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Holy One,
and they meditate on that law day and night. **Antiphon**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **Antiphon**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. **Antiphon**

The Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

Gospel Acclamation



Sing with choir and then repeat Alleluia after choir sings the verse.

Let your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Samuel Torvend

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

The Nicene Creed

*The Book of Common Prayer,
page 358*

The Prayers

Deacon: Let us pray for the church, the world, and all those who seek new life in Christ.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Confession and Forgiveness

*The Book of Common Prayer,
page 360*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have ...

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain in place to share the peace by offering the ancient Christian gesture of a bow to your neighbors.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

An offering of money is collected. With the gifts of many others, your contribution makes possible the worship, formation, and service of Christ Church.

Offertory Anthem

“Creating God”

Text by Jeffery Rowthorn

Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth’s mysteries known or yet untold;
let water’s fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.

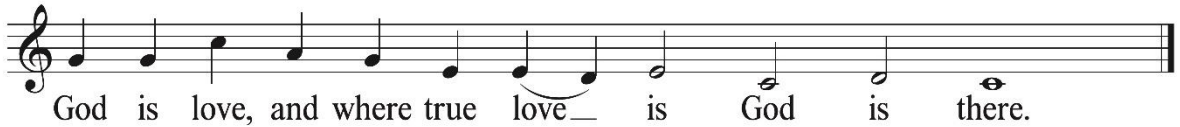
Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims
One fam’ly with a billion names;
Let every life be touched by grace
Until we praise you face to face.

Communion Music Improvisation on “Ubi Caritas”

Communion Hymn

Choir sings verses, assembly sings refrain.



Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.
Loving him, let each love Christ in one another.

When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be always present here among us.

Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

Silence and stillness

Communion Meditation

Out of the sense of being a priestly people - a community of memory, a people who will not forget or escape into fantasy - arises a sense of solidarity with the rest of humanity, especially with those who suffer, those who are powerless, and those who feel most keenly in their own flesh the terrible “liturgy” of the world. The Christian liturgy requires that we set aside the quest for personal satisfaction; it demands self-emptying, self-forgetfulness so that our emptiness may be filled with the presence of Christ and with the fullness of his Spirit.

~Mark Searle, *Called to Participate*, 2006

All rise as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

“Morning”
Verses 4-6

Hymnal 1982 9

The Dismissal

Postlude

“Tocatta in e minor”

Johann Pachelbel

Flowers given by Pam Vidan. “Happy birthday to my son, Gavain, who I miss every day, love mom.”

Sacrament of Healing

"Are any among you suffering? Are any among you sick? Call for the elders of the church and they will pray over you, anointing you in the name of the Lord" (James 5:13-14). If for any reason you desire to receive God's healing presence in your life, come to the altar platform after the postlude. Fr. Torvend will pray with you and anoint you with healing balm.

Assisting with the liturgy: Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Samuel Torvend; Deacon: The Ven. Gen Grewell, Archdeacon; Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Sandy Johanson; Acolyte: Carol Gregory; Lector: Liz Heath; Interim Music Director: Dr. Paul Tegels; The Summer Choir; Ushers: Hector Arellano and Doug Worth; Altar Guild: Liz Heath, Brienne Knudson, Liz Schroedel Lansing, and Evelyn Tomter; Coffee Hour Host: Fran Blair.

Welcome to Newcomers: If you would like to know more about our way of life, and subscribe to our *Weekly* E-news, fill out the Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plates. Worry not: we won't besiege you with emails. We invite you to explore our website and participate in any activities which interest you.

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The cover art for today's worship program: *Robert Lenz* is a Franciscan friar and artist who specializes in modern, byzantine portraits of biblical, Christian, and secular saints. Look closely at his icon of Christ the Liberator and you will see three Greek letters in his halo (the faint gold ring around his head). They are symbols for the divine name given to Moses from the burning bush. And it was this encounter at Mount Sinai - the oldest in Jewish memory - that began the process of *liberation from slavery* which has continued through the centuries into our own day: God is a liberator who desires freedom for the whole creation. The letters IC and XC in the upper hand corners are Greek abbreviations for "Jesus Christ." While Lenz has clothed the figure of Jesus in a traditional byzantine tunic, the colors are drawn from Africa: the burnt orange of the Maasai people and the white of the Saharan people.