The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning Worship  
August 30, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

Prelude  

*How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*

Welcome

The Acclamation

*Officiant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
*People:* And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God’s 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.
The Collect

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Officiant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15 (Lector 1)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’.

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
The Psalm

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c (Lector 2)

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

Hallelujah!

Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21 (Lector 2)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.
The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28 (Officiant)

Reader: 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.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Offertory Hymn

King of Glory, King of Peace

The Prayers of the People

Officiant: Let us pray to the Lord who is our shelter and our strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

Intercessor: We pray for the Church: for our fellow members in the body of Christ throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Shannon our Bishop, our Interim Ministry Team, lay ministers and all of us in our daily life and work.

Intercessor: Lord you are in the midst of us:
People: Help us in our time of trouble.

Intercessor: We pray for the world: for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by this pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce and the pandemic brings further suffering. We pray especially for our President Donald, our Governor Phil, and for all those in government and civil authority.

Intercessor: Lord you are in the midst of us:
People: Help us in our time of trouble.
Intercessor: We pray for our communities: for the elderly, confined in their homes and separated from families and support; for children, who cannot go to school; for those who have lost their source of income; for those who fear for their home or have no home; for all essential workers and healthcare workers; for those offering extraordinary everyday kindness to others, and for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week.

Intercessor: Lord you are in the midst of us: 
People: Help us in our time of trouble.

Intercessor: We pray for those who are sick and oppressed: for those afflicted with Coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with emotional health needs; for all who suffer. We remember those on our parish prayer list. [Debbie, Caroline, Irv, Dana, Keung, Dave, Beverly, Ryan, Carla, Don, Ella, Gary, Dick, John Jeffrey, Lisa, Joan Kinney, Merritt, Bill, Rita, Lorraine, Jeff, Sarah, John.]

Intercessor: Lord you are in the midst of us: 
People: Help us in our time of trouble.

Intercessor: We pray for those who have died: for those taken suddenly; for those taken unexpectedly; for the families they leave behind; for their friends; for those who have died alone. May they share with your Saints in your eternal kingdom.

Intercessor: Lord you are in the midst of us: 
People: Help us in our time of trouble.

Intercessor: We pray in thanksgiving for the life of Lorraine Kenyon, wife of Dave. Receive her into the arms of your mercy into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Intercessor: Lord you are in the midst of us: 
People: Help us in our time of grief.

Intercessor: I invite you now to share your own intercessions, prayers, and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

(Please remember to unmute yourself if you wish for your prayer to be heard, and mute again when you have completed your prayer.)

Intercessor: Lord you are in the midst of us: 
People: Help us in our time of trouble.

Intercessor: Please join me in this Collect for St. Stephen’s Ministry Discernment as we come to the final stages of the calling of a new priest:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, we thank you for the dedicated work that the Ministry Discernment Team and Vestry have given to the choosing of our new priest. May these last deliberations continue to be guided by your hand as the final details are worked
out. We pray for ourselves, O God of peace, that You would prepare our hearts and minds to receive a new priest with joy and thanksgiving, having set aside whatever may hinder us from going where the Spirit is leading; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Officiant:** Almighty God; we pray that you will make perfect our imperfections. Prepare our hearts and minds to receive our new priest with generosity of mind, heart and spirit that we may serve together in a mutual ministry of love and faith. Care for our parish family in all ways beneficial to our needs and mission, that we may grow in Christ, in whose name we pray. **AMEN.**

**Confession of Sin**

**Officiant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Officiant and People:**

Most merciful God,  
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 neighbors 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.

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

In peace let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

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.
Closing Hymn

*God is Love and Where True Love Is*

The Blessing and Dismissal

*Officiant:* God's blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
now and always. **Amen.**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**  
*How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place, Part 2*

**Announcements**

**Virtual Coffee Hour**  
It's great to see one another!

*Officiant & Preacher:* The Very Reverend Diane Nancekivell  
**Zoom Host:** Joe McVeigh  
**Readers:** John McWilliams, Devon Jersild  
**Responder:** Jay Parini  
**Intercessor:** Susanne Peck

The service comes from The Book of Common Prayer 1979, Church Hymnal Corporation and Enriching our Worship 1, The Church Pension Fund. The Prayers of the People are adapted from *Intercessions for Use During the Pandemic* by The Scottish Episcopal Church.

Prelude and Postlude: [https://youtu.be/eAvS-CBVzVs](https://youtu.be/eAvS-CBVzVs) *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*  
Organist George Matthew Jr. plays two Russian organ works at  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Middlebury, Vermont, with images of the church's interior,  
historic pipe organ and stained-glass windows.

Offertory Hymn: [https://youtu.be/8nSQT7oRC-A](https://youtu.be/8nSQT7oRC-A) *King of Glory, King of Peace*  
Performed by Thomas Foster, Craig Phillips & Beverly Hills All Saints' Church Choir.

Closing Hymn: [https://youtu.be/N6j-mbHONxi0](https://youtu.be/N6j-mbHONxi0) *God is Love and Where True Love Is*  
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