

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Lectionary 22 - August 30, 2020

### Treaty 4 Territory

*We are privileged to gather today in Treaty 4 Territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis.*

### Welcome Statement

*You are welcome here, you, whose face does not resemble mine, whose spirit I may not define, you, whose eyes have seen, what I will never dream. You, whose frame is bent or broken, whose mind fears the unspoken. You are welcome here.*

*Regardless of your race, your age, your gender identity or expression, your marital status, physical and mental ability, your sexual orientation, country of origin, economic and religious status, you will be honoured here.*

*For Christ has made us whole and Christ has set us free. His daily grace enables us to live in harmony.*

### Opening Hymn - 710 Let Stream of Living Justice

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

*The Prayer of the Day may be prayed.*

Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:*

### Semi-continuous First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

*Moses experienced the call of God when God appeared to him in a bush that burned but was not consumed. When Moses expressed his unworthiness, God promised to be with him. When Moses objected that people would demand to know God's name, God revealed his personal name, Yahweh (I AM WHO I AM), or the LORD. Israel discovered God's true identity when God took them out of Egypt.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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, <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup>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.”

<sup>13</sup>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?” <sup>14</sup>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.’” <sup>15</sup>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.”  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: *Psalm 26:1-8***

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>Test me, O | LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart | and my mind.

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;  
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

<sup>4</sup>I have not sat | with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;  
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,

that I may go in procession | round your altar,  
7singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.  
8LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell  
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

**Second Reading:** Romans 12:9-21

9Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20No, "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." 21Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-28. - The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

21From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] 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. 22And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23But 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."

24Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my

sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>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?

<sup>27</sup>“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. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son-of-Man coming in his dominion.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

Hymn Of The Day - 798 Will You Come and Follow Me

### CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

As we gather separately and together in the Spirit, let us pray for the needs of the world, responding to each petition with the words, “In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.”

Caring for the church around the world, we pray —  
for a spirit of ecumenical cooperation,  
for the health of congregations during this difficult time,  
for our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. . . *A brief silence.*

Hear us, God our Savior; **In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Seeing before us your good creation, we pray —  
for the repair of what we have harmed,  
for polar ice,  
for lands dealing with oppressive heat,  
for fields ravaged by storms and fires. . . *A brief silence.*

Hear us, God our Creator: **In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Facing so many international problems we pray —  
for the strengthening of democracies,  
for peaceful resolutions to conflicts,  
for the people of Belarus, Lebanon, and Yemen,  
for researchers seeking a vaccine,  
for racial justice within our nation,  
for our legislators to assist the lives of the poor,  
for an ethical election campaign. . . *A brief silence.*

Hear us, God our mighty Fortress; **In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Surrounded by people with great and hidden need we pray —  
for families frightened by the uncertain future,  
for those whose homes have burned down,  
for students deprived of effective education,  
for refugees and for prisoners. . . *A brief silence.*

Hear us, God our Hope, **In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Aware of all who are sick and suffering we pray —  
for all who are facing the coronavirus,  
for those without medical care,  
for those we remember here before you – Lynne, Beth, Terri, Maureen and  
those we name in the silence. . . *A brief silence.*

Hear us, God our Healer; **In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Confident of your love for us, we pray also for ourselves:

*A longer period of silence.*

Hear us, God our Friend; **In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Mindful of all who have gone before us in the faith, we offer our thanks —  
for all the saints famous and forgotten,  
for medical workers who have died of the virus,

for friends and family we have loved,  
for the promise of everlasting life with you. . . *A brief silence.*

Hear us, God our Homeland; **In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Then conclude with these prayers:*

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word,  
for calling creation into being,  
declaring forgiveness from the cross,  
and delivering the spirit of rebirth.

We praise you, O God, for your Word:  
**we praise you, O God, for your Word.**

Your word is a lamp lighting our path,  
a mirror reflecting our selves,  
a shield providing us refuge,  
a fire burning for justice and truth.

Your word is sweeter than honey:  
it nourishes our bodies like milk,  
it sustains your people like bread.

We receive your promises, more treasured than gold.

We bless you, O God, for your Word:  
**we bless you, O God, for your Word.**

Open our ears to your prophets, apostles, and saints,  
and to all the cries of the needy.

Breathe into your church the mighty Spirit of Christ,  
that heeding your voice of beauty and power  
we are strengthened to serve wherever we are called.

To you, Father, Son, and Spirit – the Source, Word, and Breath —  
we offer our thanks for your life-giving Word:

**we offer our thanks for your life-giving Word.**

Amen. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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 forever. Amen.**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Then speak the Blessing:*

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn - 808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song**