

Holy Eucharist

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Proper 16A: the 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Opening Hymn

The church's one foundation

Hymnal 525

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Presider Blessed be † the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider begins 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 following is sung, all standing as they are able

Song of Praise
Our God reigns

Chorus Book 99

1 How love-ly on the moun - tains are the feet of him
 2 He had no state - ly form, he had no maj - es - ty,
 who brings good news,
 that we should be good news;
 drawn to him.

an - nounc - ing peace, pro - claim - ing news of hap - pi - ness:
He was de - spised and we took no ac - count of him,

our God reigns, our God reigns.
yet now he reigns with the Most High.

Our God reigns, our God reigns,

our God reigns, our God reigns.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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.**

All sit.

First Reading

Exodus 1:8--2:10

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, 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." ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and 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.

¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶"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." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹The 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." ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then 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."

^{2:1}Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When 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. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The 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. ⁶When 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. ⁷Then 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?" ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh'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. ¹⁰When 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."

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

Psalm 124

to be prayed responsively

¹If 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,
³Then 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;
⁵Then 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.
⁷We 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.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹I 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. ²Do 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.

³For 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. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

All then stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

O Jesus, you were born to be

Tune: *Winchester New*

Hymnal 76

O Je- sus, you were born to be God's
 You are Mes- si- ah, you are Christ, A-
 O Je- sus, you're the liv- ing Way, the
 gift to save hu- man- it- y; and one great day we're
 -noint-ed One, God's sac- ri- fice. In you, God's mer- cy
 Re- sur- rec- tion, God's new Day. You give us hope and
 mov -ing toward, all life will bow and call you Lord!
 is re- vealed: we're saved from sin, for- giv- en, healed.
 make us new; how won- drous is our life in you!

All remain standing as they are able.

Holy Gospel

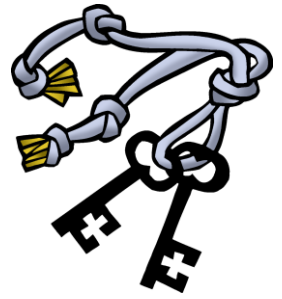
Matthew 16:13-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹I 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.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



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

Sermon

Bill Stech

All then stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Brothers and sisters, children of God, I appeal to you, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Therefore let us come humbly before God, saying, “Our help is in your name, O Lord; deal well with us.”

Intercessor Generous God, you have graciously given the members of your Church diverse gifts: may we, who are many, function in this world as the one body of your Son Jesus Christ. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **Deal well with us.**

Silence is kept

God of the nations, mysterious and unexpected are the instruments of your salvation. Give us eyes to see your work in the lives of the most humble servants and the grandest royalty. Bless all those who put their trust in you. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **Deal well with us.**

Silence is kept

Great God, the maker of heaven and earth, bring forth fruits in due season. May all the people of the world experience the blessing of sun and rain and harvest. Accept our thanks and praise for all the blessings you give abundantly to us [especially_____]. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **Deal well with us.**

Silence is kept

Caring God, give to the people of our region sober judgment. May each member of our community live in light of the great mercy you have shown us. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **Deal well with us.**

Silence is kept

Lord God, be on the side of those in need of our prayers. May [_____ and all] the sick and sorrowful not be overwhelmed but, instead, find freedom in you. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **Deal well with us.**

Silence is kept

Almighty God, you have promised through your beloved Son that not even the gates of Hades will prevail against the people of your redeeming. May [_____ and] all the dead find comfort in your heavenly kingdom. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **Deal well with us.**

Silence is kept

Presider For what other people and situations shall we pray today?

God of glory, giver of all good gifts, mercifully receive our prayers. Christ our Lord, giver of eternal life, mercifully receive our prayers. Holy Spirit, giver of all wisdom, mercifully receive our prayers. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Presider says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.**

A Priest stands and says

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.**

All then stand as they are able.

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider proceeds

God of our mothers and fathers, because you brought order out of chaos; you called a people to be your own, and in Moses you saw the misery of your people, and heard their cries.

In Elijah and the prophets, you pleaded with your people to be true to their identity as your chosen ones, and finally, in Jesus, you came down to deliver us from sin and death and oppression through the obedience of the cross and the glory of the resurrection.

Now joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we lift our voices in your unending praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues

We thank and praise you, Lord God, because in the power of your Holy Spirit, you give us everything we need to follow you: gifts of prophecy, ministry, exhortation, generosity, leadership, and compassion.

Send down your + Holy Spirit upon us now, that we may be not conformed to your world, but transformed by your renewing grace.

Give us your very self in + these gifts of bread and wine and make them for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

God of deliverance, you open up the gift of your scripture to reveal who you are, and who we are.

Through the gift of your holy communion, bring your whole creation into the form of your likeness.

Have mercy on those who are oppressed; be close to all who live under hostile regimes, and hear the cries of all whose children are in constant danger. Make us a subversive people, who embody your exodus, getting into good trouble as we practice divine disobedience, until the day comes when all the world praises your name, and is filled with your justice and peace. We pray in union with Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, God of glory, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Remaining seated, the following is sung after the table has been cleared.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 660

O Master, let me walk with thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the
paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

The Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
 you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us
 with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth
 in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

We go out, not to take Jesus to people, but to meet Jesus where he already is. And may the eternal blessing of God, † Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Go light your world

Chorus Book 68

1. There is a can - dle in ev - 'ry soul, Some burn - ing
 2. Frus - trat - ed broth - er, see how he's tried to Light his own
 3. We are a fam - 'ly whose hearts are blaz - ing. Let's raise our

F² F C/G G C

bright-ly, some dark and cold. There is a Spir - it who brings a
 can - dle some oth - er way. See now your sis - ter, she's been robbed and
 can - dles - light up the sky! Pray to our Fath - er in the name of

G C/E F E/G G Em/G7 C C/G Em/Dm G

fire, Ig - nites a can - dle and makes His home.
 lied to, Still holds a can - dle with - out a flame. Car - ry your
 Je - sus; Make us a bea - con in dark - est times.

C C/E F² F C/G

can - dle, run to the dark - ness, Seek out the hope - less, con - fused and

F²/G G Em/G Dm/G C C/E F² F

torn. Hold out your can - dle for all to see it, Take your

C/G E/G Em⁷/G G E⁷/G# Am F C/G Dm⁷/G Em/G7 C

can - dle, and go light your world. Take your can - dle, and go light your world.

Dismissal

Deacon And now, my sisters and brothers, I bid you go in peace to love and serve our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)
and for all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

August 27 Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

August 27 St Aidan's, Ann Arbor, St Peter's, Detroit; James the Apostle, Angelina, DR

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: David, Marion, Jan V, Joseph

and our continuing prayers for: Bob, Carlos, Jim M, Mardi, Robert, Selenah

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Faith in Action continues to provide leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They remain in need of our support and help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to [Nancy](#) who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive is September 17**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

- Aug 27 Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle, Priests, 1902 and 1890
- 28 Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Theologian, 430; and,
Moses the Black: Desert Father and Martyr, c. 405
- 29 John Bunyan, Writer, 1688
- 30 Charles Chapman Grafton, Bishop of Fond du Lac, and Ecumenist, 1912
- 31 Aidan, Bishop, 651
- Sep 01 David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon, 1931
- 02 The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942

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BIBLE STUDIES THAT WORK

August 27, 2023 – Proper 16A, Pentecost 13

Exodus 1:8-2:10

We enter this reading on the on the happy note of how God saved Israel from hunger through Joseph and enter the story of why Egypt did not remain the home of the fruitful and strong nation. If the nation could have been lost in Joseph's story by betrayal of brothers, then this story is about the betrayal by others, neighbors really. The death of every boy would also leave mothers and sisters without clans to protect and appeal for them. The women have their own means of resistance to oppression. We see honor given to the nervy midwives, Shiphrah and Puah. Their names are recorded while the Egyptian princess remains unnamed. This time, God would use another son, Moses, lost in Egypt, drawn up from the water (instead of a well) to save his people.

- How do we talk about God's redemption of the bitterness in our lives?
- The communion of saints includes the named and unnamed. Are you more comfortable with those whose lives have been recorded or those known only to a few?

Psalm 124

This psalm recounts God's extraordinary acts to aid the escape of the whole people of Israel. It is meant to comfort the individual in times of trouble and may have been recited by pilgrims headed to Jerusalem. It is a fitting complement to the Exodus story and it is easy to imagine the Israelites telling similar stories as they walked in the wilderness. There are repeating phrases in this psalm, such as "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side," for poetic emphasis and to aid in recollection. This repetition is common in Hebrew poetry. The phrases that begin with "then" are meant to build on each other. The climactic declaration "Our help is in the name of the Lord" is the thanksgiving for Israel's deliverance and ours.

- Escape is a common biblical theme but not one we speak of often in contemporary culture. Reflect on escape. Did you feel God's presence more acutely after an escape?
- What does the name "Maker of heaven and earth" mean to you? Does that image make God seem nearer or farther from your circumstances? Are you comforted by your understanding of God's intimacy or holiness?

Romans 12:1-8

This is one of the most beloved passages in the New Testament for its egalitarianism and accessible imagery. It begins Paul's instruction on Christian community that contrasts our bodies, which stand for our entire selves, with the community as a body. He calls for faithful, sober, and wholesome living (often translated as "perfect") in contrast to the passions in Romans 1:18-32. Paul supports an austere, communal life with times of ecstatic prayer but was not a believer in marriage and family life.

- What social structures and practices support Paul's exhortation for faithful, sober and wholesome living today?
- How do we reconcile his image of the church as one body with a variety of household types?

Matthew 16:13-20

This passage is a climax for Jesus' teaching, healing, and feeding in Matthew. The Pharisees and Sadducees want yet another sign at the beginning of the chapter, but ordinary Peter is confident that Jesus is the Messiah.

Peter receives honor in each of the gospels, but in Matthew, there is a direct reference to the Church. There is no Church without the confession of Jesus as the promised Messiah, and even at this moment, the Church is in conflict with “gates of Hades” (NRSV). Further, the Church is aggressive against the gates of hell, entrusted with authority and ultimately victorious. It is done. Death is permanently defeated but continues to terrorize and deceive unaware souls. Fear of death is not the same **as** death.

- Is confession of Jesus as Messiah an aggressive statement in your community or more customary?
- In your spiritual imagination, what do you understand to be Peter’s keys?

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