

The 13th Sunday After Pentecost

23 August 2026 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn #379

God is Love

The Opening Acclamation
Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 355
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Gloria S280

The Collect of the Day:

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 WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Exodus 1:8-2:10

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.”

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 124

Nisi quia Dominus

- 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 Epistle: Romans 12:1-8

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.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Regis Smolko

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

Discernment Prayer:

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Concluding collect

Celebrant

Confession

BCP 360

Exchange of the Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn #521

Put forth, O God

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

EP C

BCP 369

Sanctus S 125

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Fraction S 155

Communion of the People
Communion Hymn #305

Come, risen Lord

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn #525

The Church's one foundation

The Dismissal

From *The Book of Common Prayer* 1979

Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time
please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Cindy Leap, Tina Grata, Jerry & Jane Strittmatter, Catherine McCloskey, Joanne McKinley, Carol Adams, William Horner, Susan Kelly & Michael Teore, Sheila Berzansky, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Joann Cieslo and Flo Warfel.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, John Rogers, Regina Hoover, Lou Hoffer, Shawn Tyler, and Bethany McKinley and Marlene Rhin.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who made the BBQ Pulled Pork Luncheon a huge success.

Thank you for your Monetary Donations and your delicious cookies. Thank you for volunteering on Saturday.

Most Of All: Thank you to Sam & Heidi Buchan for not only picking up items for the Dinner but for the many hours they spent at the Church preparing the Pulled Pork and Macaroni and Cheese, and thank you to Pam Hysong for packing 100 containers of coleslaw!

Sunday: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday August 23rd 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Next Sunday: The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday August 30th 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Readers and Greeters August- September 2026

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Lisa Bell-Loncella or Colleen Curry know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

August 23 rd	Colleen Curry & Joann Lacko
August 30 th	Tina Grata & Doug Zawiskie
September 6 th	Donna Carosi & Donovan Pendell
September 13 th	Pam Hysong & Joan Lacko
September 20 th	Colleen Curry & Richard Burkert
September 27 th	Tina Grata & Doug Zawiskie

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

August 23 rd	Sam & Heidi Buchan
August 30 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
September 6 th	Tina Grata & Richard Burkert
September 13 th	Joann Lacko & Colleen Curry
September 20 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow
September 27 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan

August 23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Regis Smolko, Presiding

August 30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Kim Karashin, Presiding

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DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Retired Clergy, including the Rev. Marc Jacobson, the Rev. Robin Jarrell, the Rev. Darrell Johnson, the Rev. Douglas Kinsey, the Rev. Wade Lawrence, and the Rev. Nancy Threadgill

Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In Loving Honor and Remembrance
of the Anniversary of
Kenn & Cindy Leap
August 28th
From Cindy Leap

Next Week's Readings

Exodus 3:1-5
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45C
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

***Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service***