



August 22nd, 2021 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Church's One Foundation

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Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,

Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Leader: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

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.

Corporate Confession

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.

Absolution

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love and power

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings us nigh

*I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
And in the arms of my dear Savior
Oh there are ten thousand charms*

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry 'til you're better
You will never come at all

Please be Seated for a reading from the book of Acts [2:41-47]

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Leader: The word of the Lord **People:** *Thanks be to God*

A reading from the book of Revelation [7:2-4,9-10,13-17]

Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.... After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!".... Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Leader: The word of the Lord **People:** *Thanks be to God*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians [4:1-7,11-13]

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call--one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.... And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

Leader: The word of the Lord **People:** *Thanks be to God*

Please stand for The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John [20:19-23]

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ!*

Basic Believing: The Holy Spirit: God in Us

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Join me in praying the collect of the day.

Together: *Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and the world. [Add your prayers verbally or silently after each petition.]

Oh Lord, show us your mercy *and grant us your salvation* [personal repentance and faith]

Clothe your ministers with righteousness *and make your chosen people joyful* [church leaders and people]

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world *for only in you can we live in safety* [worldwide justice and peace]

Lord, keep this nation under your care *and guide us in the way of justice and truth* [our nation and national and local leaders]

Let your way be known upon earth, *Your saving health among all nations* [world mission]

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten *nor the hope of the poor be taken away* [local and global need]

Create in us clean hearts, O God *and sustain us with your Holy Spirit* [spiritual growth]

Join me in praying this prayer for our pastor search:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this congregation that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Standing) Passing of the Peace

(Seated) Announcements

(Standing) The Doxology

(Standing) THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Leader: It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away, you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

People: *You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.*

Leader: In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

People: *He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.*

Leader: On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

People: *Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his body is the bread of life.*

Leader: At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

People: *Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.*

Leader: As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

People: *As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.*

Leader: With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;*

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

*Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

The Blessing

All of our problems: *We send to the cross of Christ* All of our difficulties: *We send to the cross of Christ*
All of the devil's works: *We send to the cross of Christ* And all of our hopes: *We set on the risen Lord!*

Leader: May God bless you and keep you, may his face shine upon you, may he be gracious unto you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God!*