


# PRINCE OF PEACE



*Those who lose  
their life for my  
sake will find it*

Matthew 16.25

**Sunday August 30, 2020**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Welcome and Concerns of the Church**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Reconciling God,

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through +Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

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.**

## Children's Moment

### First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. <sup>16</sup> Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup> I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup> Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. <sup>19</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. <sup>20</sup> And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

### Psalm 26:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

<sup>2</sup> **Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup> **I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

<sup>5</sup> I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup> **I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord,**

<sup>7</sup> singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

<sup>8</sup> **O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,  
and the place where your glory abides.**

### Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, 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. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup> 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." <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For 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 kingdom."

## Message

### Song: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" 817

1. You have come down to the lakeshore  
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy  
But only asking for me to follow.

*Ref.*

2. You know full well what I have, Lord;  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest  
Just these my fish nets and will for working.

*Ref.*

3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
Working love for the rest of the weary-  
A love that's willing to go on loving.

*Ref.*

4. You who have fished other waters  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.

*Ref.*

#### *Refrain:*

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

## 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 power of the holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

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.

## The Peace Announcements

### Prayers of Intercession

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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

**Lord's Prayer**  
**Our Father who art in heaven....**

## Blessing:

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, +Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
Bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Hymn: "On Our Way Rejoicing" 537

1. On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without our safety;  
Christ within our joy;  
Who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy? *Ref.*

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2. Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
Thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
On our way rejoicing  
now and evermore. *Ref.*

*Refrain:* On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Thanks for joining us!

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