The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 18, 2024  8:30 am

The Holy Eucharist

Chorale-prelude:  If thou but trust in God to guide thee  
(Georg Böhm)

Hymnal 427  When morning gilds the skies

Celebrant  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People  And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity  
BCP 355

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.

Gloria in excelsis  
BCP 356

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson  
Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. And the time that David reigned over Israel was forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."  

Lector  The Word of the Lord.  
People  Thanks be to God.

Psalms 111:1-3, 9-10

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
2 Great are the deeds of the Lord; they are studied by all who do light in them.
3 His work is full of splendor, and his righteousness endures forever.
4 He sent redemption to his people; he has remembered his covenant for ever.
5 Holy and awesome is his Name.
6 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.

The Epistle  
Epistles 5:15-20

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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People  Thanks be to God.

Hymnal 445  Praise to the Holiest in the height
That you would receive all who have died in the communion of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone (especially ___), that, with all the saints, they may rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Unite us with them in your Kingdom, good Lord.

Additional prayers, suitable to the occasion, may be said.

We then welcome your prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.

Confession and Absolution BCP 360

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

The priest pronounces the absolution.

To receive communion. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, or remain in their seats in prayer. If you are interested in baptism, please contact the office.

Choral Scholars Eat this bread, drink this cup (Taizé retrait)

Hymnal 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymnal 544 Jesus shall reign where’er the sun

Dismissal BCP 366

The Deacon dismisses the congregation

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Organ Toccata in the Dorian Mode (Samuel Scheidt)

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