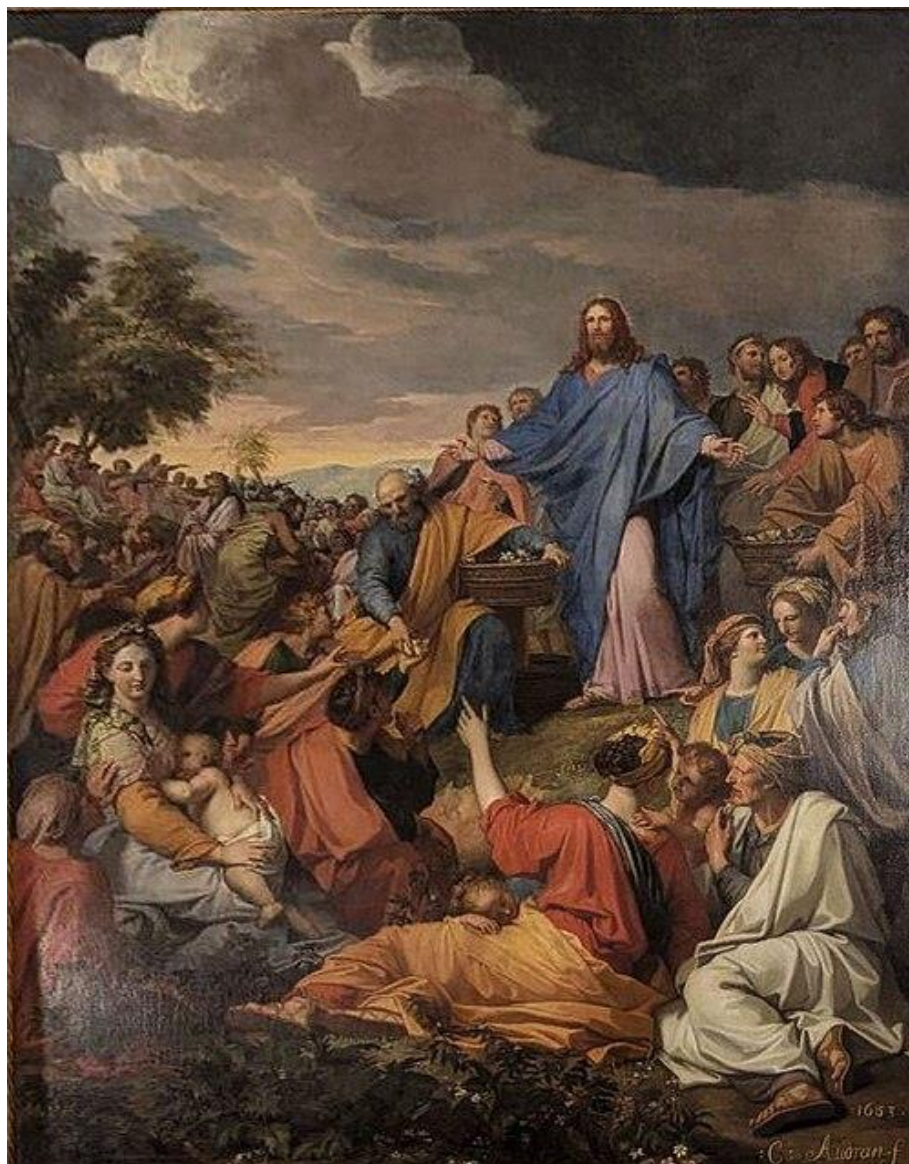




# ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 18  
September 7, 2025



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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude:

First Sonata: *Pastorale*

A. Guilmant

Opening Hymn:

*Praise to the living God!*

Hymn 372

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - bcys.  
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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:

## Glory to God

Hymn S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Eloise Jordan

Moses said to all Israel the words which the LORD commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



### Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- A 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- B 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- A 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- B 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- A 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- B 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

### Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Tom Shriver

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love~ and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother~ especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

# Sequence Hymn:

## Where He Leads Me

LEVAS 144 vs 1 & 2

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, —  
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him through the gar - den, —  
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, —  
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — He will give me grace and glo - ry, —

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."  
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — And go with me, with me all the way.

Where He leads me I will fol - low, — Where He leads me I will fol - low, —



### The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

### The Sermon

Rev. Tom Manney

### The Nicene Creed *all standing*

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. ✠ 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

### The Prayers of the People *(by Tom Shriver)*

Robert Cuthbertson-Twine

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all of your children, in all faiths. In their families, or alone.

**We pray for their safety, health, and life.**

For our community & the world. We pray that you advise and support those in authority,  
**As they govern and protect all members of our local and world-wide population.**

You have created the universe as you have created us. We ask that you heal your children who are sick, that you let them feel your hand upon them as you ease their body and soul,  
**And help them feel the affection you show all your creatures.**

For those on our prayer list, \_\_\_\_\_.

You have created healers of physical and mental ailments.  
**We ask that you advise and guide them as they restore your children to health.**

For Sean Rowe our Presiding Bishop, for Anne Hodges-Copple our assisting Bishop, and for this gathering.  
**For all ministers and people.**

For the unity and growth of your church.  
**We ask that you guide your church leaders, congregational leaders, and all members of your congregation.**  
For your children who have died.  
**We ask that your loving kindness continue to be upon them.**

We pray for your forgiveness for our sins against you  
**and for our sins against our brothers and sisters.**

*Silence The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

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.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

### **Announcements and Prayers**

## The Offertory

Offertory Anthem:

*Abide with Me*

Chancel Choir

Doxology: (verse 3 Hymn 380)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. All things come of thee, O Lord.

R. And of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chr. 29:14

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus:

*Holy, holy, holy*

Hymn S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



*The people stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

# Fraction Anthem:

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymn S 157

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



*Ministration of Communion - All are welcome at God's table.*



*If you are in need of special healing prayers, members of the Order of St. Luke are available during communion at the Sisters Chapel near the side entrance.*

# Communion Anthem:

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

LEVAS 145

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay!  
2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day!  
3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray!  
4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway!

1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see \_\_\_\_\_

1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! \_\_\_\_\_

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Blessing

Recessional:

*Give praise and glory unto God*

Hymn 375

*Unison or harmony*

1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;  
 2 The host of hea - ven prais-eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;  
 3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;

his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -  
 and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing  
 he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er

fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his  
 pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that  
 wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his



## The Dismissal

Postlude:

*Fugue In E Minor*

N. Bruhns

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### This Week at St. Paul's

Monday	7:00	NCC Rehearsal
Tuesday	3:00	GISD Tutoring and After School Time
	5:30	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	5:30	Strong Towns Flint Meeting – Barth Hall
	7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	12:10	<b>Noonday Mass</b>
	12:45	Weekly Bible Study
	3:00	Stewardship Committee
Thursday	11:00	Order of St. Luke
	5:30	Parents & Partners of LGBTQ+ Support Grp
	7:00	Gospel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	6:00	St. Paul's Art Walk

On the Cover: *La multiplication des pains*, by Claude Audran II, 1683.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer:

Grace, Lapeer - Sarah Parks, Priest-in-Charge

Emmanuel, Petoskey - Kay Houck, Rector

Prayer List: Bob Patterson, TaMara Oertel, Sharon Naughton, Judy Stoerman, Carmen, Cadence, Mariam & Family, Marilyn Pointer, Neil Hargrave, Melissa Cussans, Delilah, Jane Bingham, Joseph Ossowski, Jan Abdenour, Rosemary Garcia, Thomas Meyer, Margaret Powell, Sandy Ryder, Betty Loving, Michael Manney

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