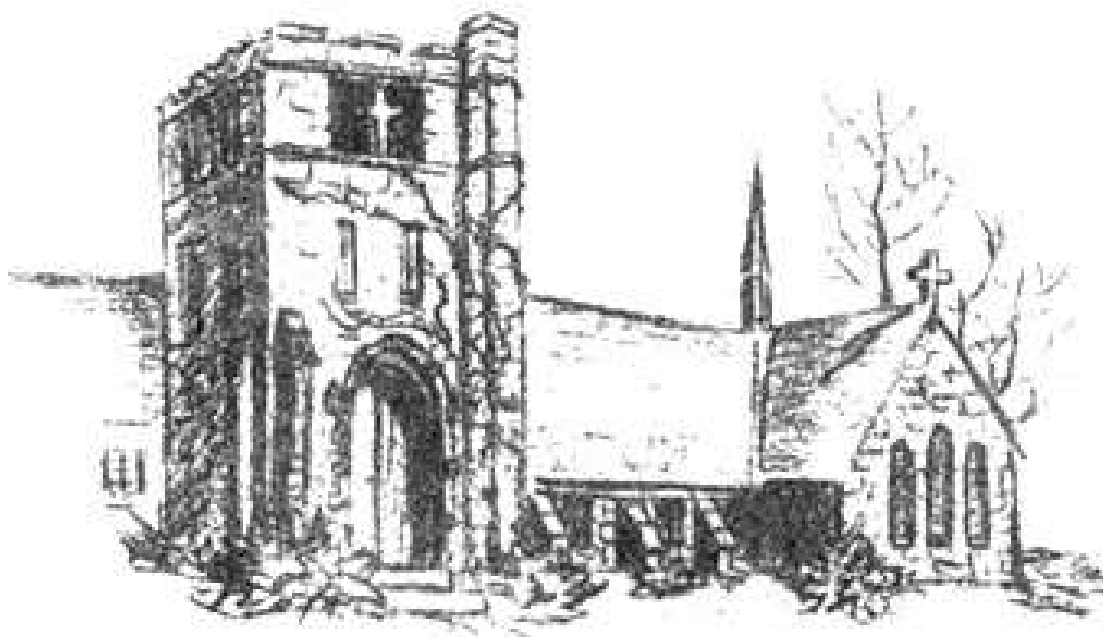


The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 13

August 2, 2026



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If you or someone you know is in need, please call Mother Lisa at (518) 637-7736

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Entrance Rite

The Prelude *Prelude on Beach Spring* B. F. White (1800-1879) / Charles Callahan (1951-2023)
B. F. White wrote this popular hymn tune. A largely self-taught musician, he came from a family of 14 children and eventually became the co-editor of *The Sacred Harp* hymnal. Charles Callahan's arrangement captures the soulful quality of this tune.

The Word of God

The Processional Hymn Hymnal #51

The Opening Acclamation Page #355

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

The Collect for Purity Page #355

The Gloria Hymnal S-280 *Hymn numbers beginning with S are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day - Proper 13 Page #232

The Lessons

The First Lesson Genesis 32:22-31

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

The Psalm Psalm 17:1-7,16

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.

The Second Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

Hymnal #536

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Busby

The Nicene Creed

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All: **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.

Prayers of the People – Proper 13

<i>Celebrant:</i>	God feeds all who come to the waters. Let us offer prayers for all who thirst for God.
<i>Intercessor:</i>	For Jeremiah our bishop and Lisa our presbyter, for this holy gathering, and for all who share the bread of life.
<i>People:</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor:</i>	For the leaders of the nations, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world.
<i>People:</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor:</i>	For farmers and a good harvest, for travelers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms.
<i>People:</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor:</i>	For the leaders of the nations, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world.
<i>People:</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor:</i>	For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed.
<i>People:</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor:</i>	For the dying and the dead.
<i>People:</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor:</i>	For ourselves, our families and companions, and all those we love.
<i>People:</i>	Hear our prayer.
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
<i>People:</i>	To you, Gracious God.

Celebrant: God who breaks bread among us, hear our prayers for all in need and fill your hungry people with manna from heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All: **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.**
Celebrant: 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.
People: **Amen.**

The Peace *Page #360* *During the exchange of the peace, you are welcome to greet those around you.*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory "Intermezzo" from *Cavalleria Rusticana* Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945)/ Wilbur Held (1914-2015)
Marina Pero, violin

The Doxology

Hymnal #380, v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
(Here a Proper Preface is said.)
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 Hymnal S-124 *Hymn numbers beginning with S are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

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 Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. The congregation joins in at the following prompt:

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
All: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues with the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer. At the conclusion, all say:

All: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: **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

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Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei Hymnal S-161 *Hymn numbers beginning with S are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.**

The Invitation to Communion

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The Communion Hymn

Hymnal #308

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.
All: **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 Concluding Rite

The Announcements

The Blessing

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The Recessional Hymn

Hymnal #304

The Dismissal

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The Postlude

Fantasia on TYSK

Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

Gene Tobey, our recent guest vocalist, commissioned Al Fedak to write this setting of the German hymn tune TYSK. This bold and imaginative interpretation is in the free-form fantasia style. In *The Hymnal 1982*, TYSK is the tune for #475, "God himself is with us."

The postlude sends us out into the world. You are welcome to exit quietly or stay for the entire piece. We hope you will join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the parish hall immediately following today's service.

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Serving Today:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Lisa Busby
Altar Guild:	Carolyn Morin Basil Dewdney
Ushers:	Robert Brockway Ron Stefanski
Eucharistic Minister:	George Woodzell
Acolyte:	Allison de Kanel
Lector:	Stan Jakubowski
Intercessor:	Richey Woodzell
Counter:	Robert Brockway
Coffee Hour:	Ruth Basantes

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INTERCESSIONS For the week of August 2, 2026

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda.

Our Church Leaders: Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury: Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop; Jeremiah Williamson, Bishop of Albany; and Lisa Busby, Rector.

Our Leaders: Donald Trump, President of the United States; Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York; and Gary McCarthy, Mayor of Schenectady.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in need of strength and healing: Marilyn C., Dawn K., Tom & Kathy M., Helen P., Don R., Austin S., Jean V., Bob V., and Kiera L.

For all public employees that they may continue their work for justice, peace, and the common good, for those who have lost their jobs, and for all those who live in fear.

For those in the Military: Zachary and Eric A.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome guest violinist Marina Pero.

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Suzanne and Dave Taylor in memory of Carolyn Montorio.

Calendars for the Pantry: If you have extra 2027 calendars, please leave them in the box in the nave extension for the guests at the food pantry.

Things of My Very Own, a local nonprofit that provides services to children in crisis, is seeking financial donations to stock their food pantry for the families they serve. Please consider donating in the labeled canister in the nave extension or online at thingsofmyveryown.org.

The 158th Diocesan Convention: The Bishop of Albany has called for the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Albany to take place at Christ the King Center in Greenwich, NY from September 10-12. Among the business to be considered this year is a revision to the Diocesan Canons and Constitution.

Intercessory Prayer List: Please notify Jon in the office **via email** of the names of those you wish to have remembered in the prayer. Please include your full name, the full name(s) of the person(s) you wish added. The list will be reset every three months. Thank you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 8/8, 9:30 a.m.: Fabricators and Yarners.

Sunday, 8/9, 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.

Saturday, 8/15, 9:30 a.m.: Fabricators and Yarners.

Sunday, 8/16, 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.

Saturday, 8/22, 9:30 a.m.: Fabricators and Yarners.

Sunday, 8/23, 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.

Monday, 8/24, 3:00 p.m.: Worship Committee meeting.

Saturday, 8/29, 9:30 a.m.: Fabricators and Yarners.

Sunday, 8/30, 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.

Saturday, 9/5, 9:30 a.m.: Fabricators and Yarners.

Sunday, 9/6, 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.

Saturday, 9/12, 9:30 a.m.: Fabricators and Yarners.

Sunday, 9/13, 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.

- Following the service: Beginning of the program year Parish Picnic.

Monday, 9/14, 7:00 p.m.: Vestry meeting.

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