



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

September 3, 2017: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30am

## Music

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| Prelude          | <i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i> |                      |
| Entrance         | <i>Leoni</i>                           | Hymnal 372           |
| Offertory Anthem | <i>Praise to the Lord the Almighty</i> |                      |
| Offertory        | <i>Guide my Feet Lord</i>              | See bulletin         |
| Communion Hymns  | <i>Go Down, Moses</i>                  | LEVAS 228            |
|                  | <i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>     | See back of bulletin |
| Exit             | <i>Ora Labora</i>                      | Hymnal 541           |
| Postlude         | <i>The Solid Rock</i>                  | Don Hustad           |

## Scripture

### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### 1st Lesson

### Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the

Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26** *All sing the refrain after the cantor, and where indicated.*



Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face. **Refrain**

Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.  
Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham. **Refrain**

The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;  
Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.  
He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen. **Refrain**

## 2nd Lesson

**Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel** *Please stand*

**Matthew 16:21-28**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 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." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 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? "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. 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."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Worship Leaders

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| Celebrant          | The Rev. Marc Smith     | Lectors     | Ellis Anderson, Melissa Harris |
| Preacher           | The Rev. Mike Angell    | Intercessor | Laurie Justiss                 |
| Chalice            | Josephine Ezenwa-Okpala | Ushers      | Ron Bullock & Bob Niedringhaus |
| Crucifer & Chalice | Scott Ferguson          | Altar Guild | Jean Parker                    |

**Sept. 10 “Kickoff Sunday”** This year instead of our usual ministry fair, we’ll highlight three new ministries at Holy Communion. The Rev. Hope Jernagen, director of Magdalene House will be our guest preacher and will help bless the house for their use. We’ll also have Laundry Love displays and Godly Play will host an open house in their new classroom. Don’t miss it!

**Godly Play begins Sept. 17 (9:15am)** Children are spiritual. They have incredible capacity to listen, wonder, and make meaning out of the biblical stories they hear. This is the foundation for Godly Play, our Montessori-based Christian formation program for children. In Godly Play, children explore and develop their relationship with God using religious forms of expression, including parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action. These are tools for them to articulate and wonder about their relationship with God. Registration is not required. For info, email Heidi Olliff, Children’s Ministry Consultant: hmolliff@holycommunion.net.

**Faithquest moves to Sundays Starting September 17 at 5:30pm** After consulting with parents and youth, we have decided to move our bi-weekly youth group Faithquest to Sunday evenings. The first Faithquest will be September 17 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Join us for dinner, formation, and flashlight tag!

**Welcome Brooklyn Payne our new Youth Director!** Brooklyn Payne, who served last year as our service corps member in Panama has joined the staff of Holy Communion as Youth Director. Brooklyn will be leading Faithquest starting September 17. You can reach her via email at youth@holycommunion.net

**Sunday Morning Breakfast Hosts** Starting next Sunday, we’ll serve a hot breakfast in Mitchell Parish Hall at 9:00am each week. A sign up sheet to host is posted on the bulletin board in the entry. Hosts shop for breakfast supplies, cook and serve breakfast. Contact Ron Bullock or Bob Niedringhaus for info (robertnstl@sbcglobal.net or 314-569-0971).

**Pilgrimage Class – Sept. 17 (12:15pm)** Are you new to Holy Communion? To the Episcopal Church? To Christianity? Just looking to know more about the tradition? Pilgrimage, our course exploring themes in Christian thought and practice through the Episcopal tradition, is especially suited for newcomers but open to all who are exploring. Pilgrimage will take place across four monthly sessions on Sunday afternoons, beginning with lunch at 12:15 and finishing by 2:15. Register at [holycommunion.net/education/pilgrimage/](http://holycommunion.net/education/pilgrimage/).

**Sunday Book Group – Sept. 17 (11:15am)** This month we’ll meet on September 17 (instead of the 2nd Sunday), so we can attend Kickoff Sunday events. Join us for a lively discussion of "Red Notice" by Bill Browder. On Oct 8 our title will be, "If you can keep it: the forgotten promise of American Liberty" by Eric Metaxas. We gather in the Vestry Room downstairs.

**Theology on Tap “Faith After Charlottesville”– Sept. 5 (6:30pm)** Professor Ben Sanders III of Eden Seminary will lead us in a conversation about being an “anti-racist” person of faith after Charlottesville. Theology on Tap seeks to create a "low pressure" environment for conversations about faith, ethics, politics, and life. Join us and bring friends. We gather the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays every month at Dressell’s Pub (419 N Euclid Ave. 63108).