



**Proper 13, Year A**  
**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

205 North Seventh St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360

*“A welcoming, compassionate and healing community in Christ”*

August 2, 2026  
10:00am Service - Rite 2

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**Celebrant:** The Rev. Bill Martin

**Lectors:** Gail M. | Carl A.

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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Church Admin – Andrea C.

### **Books in the Pews for Service**

**BCP** – The Book of Common Prayer (**RED** book)

**H** – Hymnal (**BLUE** book)

**WLP** – Wonder, Love & Praise (**GREEN** book)

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (H 690)*



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



## OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 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.**

## OPENING ANTHEM - *Glory to God* (WLP 821)

*Glory to God;*

*Praise to the Son;*

*Love to the Spirit;*

*Three and yet One.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!  
 Come, buy wine and milk  
 without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
 and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
 listen, so that you may live.  
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
 my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
 a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
 because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
 for he has glorified you.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
 slow to anger and of great kindness.  
<sup>9</sup>The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
 and his compassion is over all his works.  
<sup>15</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
 he lifts up those who are bowed down.  
<sup>16</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
 and you give them their food in due season.  
<sup>17</sup>You open wide your hand \*  
 and satisfy the needs of every living creature.  
<sup>18</sup>The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
 and loving in all his works.  
<sup>19</sup>The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
 to all who call upon him faithfully.

<sup>20</sup>He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*

he hears their cry and helps them.

<sup>21</sup>The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*

but he destroys all the wicked.

<sup>22</sup>My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*

let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## **SEQUENCE HYMN: *Spirit of God Unseen (VF 53) Verse 1***

### **Chorus:**

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
Gentle as is the dove;  
Teach us the truth and help us believe,  
Show us the Saviour's love!

### **Verse 1:**

You spoke to us long, long ago,  
Gave us the written word;  
We read it still, needing its truth  
Through it God's voice is heard

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21**

*All stand.*

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

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

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>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.

## **SEQUENCE HYMN: *Spirit of God Unseen (VF 53)***

### **Chorus:**

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
Gentle as is the dove;  
Teach us the truth and help us believe,  
Show us the Saviour's love!

### **Verse 2:**

Without your help, we fail our Lord,  
We cannot live His way;  
We need Your power, we need Your strength,  
Following Christ each day.

## **THE SERMON**

### **THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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 worshipped 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**

*All remain standing.*

Great are the deeds of the Lord! Sisters and brothers, let us pray, saying,  
“Christ, hear our prayer! Jesus, have mercy on us!”

May your Church be faithful, even as you are faithful. May we and your whole Church unashamedly work to further the gospel. May we overcome whatever apathy or distraction might threaten our witness.

*Silence*



Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

May the nations of the world seek wisdom and truth. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Audrey and Kevin, our own Bishops, Bill our Priest and Barbara our Canon Missioner. In our country we pray for Donald our President, and Josh our Governor. May people, rich and poor, powerful and weak, find in you the source of healing and wholeness.

In our congregation we pray for Ruth King and the Laing and Lindsley families. In the Diocese of the Susquehanna we pray for St. Thomas, Morgantown; St. Mark's, Lewistown. In Kajo Keji we pray for the Koiba Parish. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda.

*Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

May we protect and guard the created order. May we recognize the majesty and splendor of all you have made. May we remember that healthy waters, sky, and land make us healthier people.

*Silence*

Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

May we be ever compassionate toward those who are pushed into the margins of our society. Give us open hearts that welcome and open hands that touch. Teach us a love that crosses boundaries and borders.

*Silence*

Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

May the sick and suffering know in their bodies and minds your healing power. You desire to make men and women clean of disease and stigma; make your grace known.

O Lord our God, restore to health those who cry out to you, especially Gail, Elaine, Isaac, Janet, Nick, Lynn, Anthony, Oliver, Lorelai, Marshall, Richard, Antonia, Rebecca, June, Barbara, Eliza, Margaret, Berni, Julian, Noel, Mike, Chris, Frank, Zach, Laura, Jo, Loretta, Mary and Jim E, Jodi, David, Denise and Jay.

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence*

Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

May those who have died, know the salvation found in you, Christ Jesus. Preserve the living in the enduring hope that, just as we are baptized into your death, so will we also live with you forever.

*Silence*

Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

*Celebrant*

We give thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 360)**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**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 stands and says*

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 (BCP p. 360)**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        And also with you.

**PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS :** Birthdays, Anniversaries and Traveling.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** See last page.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

**OFFERTORY: *Music Meditation*** – Bethann K.

### OFFERTORY HYMN *From all that dwell below the skies Verse 3* (H 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**

### Eucharistic Prayer C

*Book of Common Prayer, 1979. Holy Eucharist: Rite II (369-372)*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us.***

***By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (WLP 858)***

*Celebrant and People*

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 364)**

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

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

## **FRACTION ANTHEM: (LEVAS 270) Lamb of God**

**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.**

## **INVITATION (BCP p. 364)**

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.

## **DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

*You can remain seated until you come forward to receive. When you receive the consecrated bread, you can consume it then drink from the first cup of consecrated wine. You can also hold the bread to "intinct" or touch the tip of the bread into the second cup of wine. You may also choose to receive Communion in only one kind. If you would like a blessing, come forward and cross your hands over your heart to indicate you would like to be blessed. Gluten free wafers are available. Please let the priest know as you come forward. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

## COMMUNION HYMN: Jesus, Remember Me

*Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

*Repeat*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

Let us pray.

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.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN: *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly* (WLP 761)



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.  
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## DISMISSAL (BCP 340)

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Coffee Hour** is hosted by Daughters of the King (DOK), so please join us after the service. Volunteers need to host upcoming coffee hours. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Thanks!

**Next Food Pantry is August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9-12pm.** Volunteers Needed. See Debby C. for details.



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