

**St. John's Parish Church Liturgy**  
**August 2, 2020**  
Proper 13 - The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Opening Songs*

**HEART OF GOD**

Here I stand be-fore You now  
As honestly as I know how  
Broken by the days gone by  
Spirit help my soul to rise

I try my best but still I fail  
And even then You're with me there  
You re-mind me I'm a child of God  
Regardless of the things I've done  
All my hope is found in perfect love

**CHORUS:**

Your mercy triumphs over judgment  
Love wider than horizons,  
stronger than all sin  
Lord Your kindness leads us to repentance  
To the heart of God  
Your heart oh God  
Is all I want

Oh they say that it's impossible  
To ever save a sinner's soul  
But my God says to the prodigal  
My be-loved one You're welcome home -CH

**BRIDGE:**

All to Jesus I surrender All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him In His presence daily live -CH

*Opening Greeting and Announcements*

## Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

## REFRAIN

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. REFRAIN

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. REFRAIN

## THE ACCLAMATION

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant and people pray:*

**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.**

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Then follows the Summary of the Law, or The Decalogue (page 100).*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

## THE KYRIE

*The Celebrant and People pray*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

*People And with your spirit.*

*Officiant Let us pray.*

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

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Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### Nehemiah 9:16-21

16 “But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey your commandments. 17 They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. 18 Even when they had made for themselves a golden calf and said, ‘This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,’ and had committed great blasphemies, 19 you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud to lead them in the way did not depart from them by day, nor the pillar of fire

by night to light for them the way by which they should go. 20 You gave your good Spirit to instruct them and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst. 21 Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 78:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will utter dark sayings of old,

<sup>3</sup> Which we have heard and known, \*  
and such as our forefathers have told us,

<sup>4</sup> That we should not hide them from the children  
of the generations to come, \*  
but show the honor of the Lord,  
his mighty and wonderful works that he has done.

<sup>5</sup> He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law, \*  
which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,

<sup>6</sup> That their posterity might know it, \*  
and the children which were yet unborn;

<sup>7</sup> With the intent that when they came up \*  
they might show it to their children,

<sup>8</sup> That they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the works of God, but keep  
his commandments;

<sup>9</sup> And not be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation, \*  
a generation that did not set their heart aright, and whose spirit did not cleave

steadfastly to God,

10 Like the children of Ephraim, archers carrying bows, \*  
who turned back in the day of battle.

11 They did not keep the covenant of God, \*  
and would not walk in his law,

12 But forgot what he had done, \*  
and the wonderful works that he had shown them.

13 Marvelous things he did in the sight of our forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, even in the field of Zoan.

### Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

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

### THE GOSPEL

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

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

### Matthew 14:13-21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the

villages and buy food for themselves.” 16 But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17 They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” 18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

THE SERMON - *Fr. Jeremy Shelton*

*Song*

### **ONE THING REMAINS**

Higher than the mountains that we face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant in the trial and the change  
One thing remains One thing remains

CHORUS:

Your love never fails It never gives up Never runs out on me  
Your love never fails It never gives up Never runs out on me  
Your love never fails It never gives up Never runs out on me  
Your love

On and on and on and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies our soul  
And we never ever have to be afraid  
One thing re-mains One thing remains -CH

BRIDGE:

In death in life we're confident and covered  
by the power of Your great love  
Our debt is paid there's nothing that can separate  
our hearts from Your great love -CH

### **THE NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Thanksgivings, prayers, and petitions from the people via Facebook live stream.*

### **Prayer for a Pandemic**

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.  
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close  
Remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those who have no safe place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country,  
let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayer for this Parish**

Dearest Lord,  
This is your land, this is your parish, these are your people.  
Bless all who live here, all who work here, all who rest here.  
Bless all who are struggling, and all who are thriving.  
Bless those who lead the flock of Christ.  
May wisdom, joy and compassion be theirs,  
May the churches be places of unity, wonder, healing, and adventure,  
May this land host the grace of God now and always.  
**Amen.**

*Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes with this Collect.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker and judge of us all:  
We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,  
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed  
against your divine majesty,  
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.  
We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;  
the burden of them is more than we can bear.  
Have mercy upon us,  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16<sup>T</sup>

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another with smiles and waves in the Name of the Lord.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*Gifts, tithes, and offerings may be made via [stjohnsparishchurch.com](http://stjohnsparishchurch.com), or St. John's mobile app, or mailed to: PO Box 125 Johns Island, SC 29457*

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all.

### *Offertory Song*

#### **I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What joy the blest assurance gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my everlasting Head!

He lives, to bless me with his love;  
He lives, o plead for me above;

He lies, my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives, my mansion to prepare;  
He lives, to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name;  
He lives, my Savior still the same;  
What joy the blest assurance gives;  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## **DOXOLOGY**

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.

All things come from you, O Lord,  
*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

## HOLY EUCHARIST

The night before He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ celebrated a special meal with His friends. He took some bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with them saying, “Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me.”

He also took some wine, blessed it, and gave it to them saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of Me.”

*The people now open the container and reverently hold the wafer*

**And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.**

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

**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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People together pray*

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

*Celebrant*     The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The people now consume the bread*

*Song*

#### GIVE US CLEAN HANDS

We bow our hearts we bend our knees  
Oh Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

**CHORUS:**

Give us clean hands  
give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another

**BRIDGE:**

And oh God let us be  
a generation that seeks  
That seeks Your face  
oh God of Jacob

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*For those who are not able to be with us physically*

**Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and  
goodness towards us:  
that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed com-  
pany of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs, through hope,  
of your everlasting kingdom.  
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,  
to assist us with your grace,**

**that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

#### *Song*

*The people may leave quietly at this time, respecting that others are still worshipping through the end of the final song.*

### FOREVER REIGN

You are good You are good when there's nothing good in me  
You are love You are love on display for all to see  
You are light You are light when the darkness closes in  
You are hope You are hope You have covered all my sin

You are peace You are peace when my fear is crippling  
You are true You are true even in my wandering  
You are joy You are joy You're the reason that I sing  
You are life You are life in You death has lost its sting

#### CHORUS:

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace Light of the world forever reign

You are more You are more than my words will ever say

You are Lord You are Lord all creation will proclaim  
You are here You are here in Your presence I'm made whole  
You are God You are God of all else I'm letting go

**BRIDGE:**  
My heart will sing no other Name Jesus Jesus

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **The Church...**

Our Vestry and all baptized persons who are the ministers of St. John's Parish Church. Our Rector, Greg and our Curate, Jeremy.  
Our Staff: Elizabeth, Jacky, Mark, Rob, Sally and Walt.  
Vicar of St. Aidan's, Will Klauber.  
Seminarians: David Rowe.

Our Ministries and Ministry Partners, especially Respite Care, AA, NA & the Cub & Boy Scouts.  
The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina. Archbishop Foley Beach, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America. Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. The Rt. Rev. Johnson Gakumba, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Uganda. The Rt. Rev. Jorge Aguilar, Bishop of the Anglican Church in Peru.

### **The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer...**

Canterbury House, Charleston - Mrs. Sally Lorbach, Director.

### **The Anglican Cycle of Prayer...**

The Anglican Province of Myanmar and the Rt. Rev. Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop.

### **The Government...**

Donald, our President and Henry, our Governor.

### **Short Term Prayer...**

Alan, Bill Bayly, Linda Brown, John D'Annunzio, Marguerite Dawdy, Shirley French, Rev. Shay Gaillard, JoAnne Gauss, Amy Guess, Hughes family, Edward Jacques, David Joseph, Kay Kitchens, Stan LaRoche, Schuler family, Ransome Sheets, Julie Snellen, Jonathan Tanner, Gary Terry, Charles Wallace, George Younce, & Frasier Young.

## **Long Term Prayer...**

Ron Ahlemeyer, Leona Beckmann, Carmen Bentz, Janie Borden, Walker Breland, Sharon Harper, Bev Jenkins, Frances & Tom LaRoche, Susan Lenacks, Eston Mann, Judith Martin, Nancy Payne, Bouy Peeples, Genie Ridge, Meredith Sallee, Doreen Witte, Robin Webber & Elizabeth Williams.

## **Those Receiving Communion at Home...**

Edward Jacques, Bill Neville, Genie Ridge and Ann Schaffer.

## **Other Prayers...**

All those who are serving in our military throughout the world, especially Daniel Bentz, Randon Davis, Reid Furman, Erin Hadlock, Mac Hunter, Stephen King, Becker Minszew, Catherine Parnell, Finn Peterson, Andrew Speights, Bennett Stackhouse and Reid Stanley.

Fr. Gene Sherman and Christ Church Westshore, Cleveland, OH, Rev. Bill Oldland and St. Bartholomew's Church, Hartsville, SC.

## **Persecuted Churches around the world...**

We pray for persecuted churches around the world. For the month of August, we pray for the nation of Vietnam. Heavenly Father, we ask for your mercy upon Christian brothers and sisters who face great need in the Covid-19 crisis. Amongst persecution from the government, Christians are also not receiving necessary aid. Please provide for and protect Christians in Vietnam. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.