



**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Sunday, August 22, 2021 – 10:30 AM

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Entrance Hymn	<i>I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord</i>	H#304
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²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³ He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴ the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵ Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." ²⁶ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

²⁷ 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸ Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. ³⁰ Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

⁴¹ 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, ⁴³ then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

- ¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ² The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- ³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- ⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- ⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- ⁶ They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- ⁷ Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- ⁸ Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- ⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- ¹¹ No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- ¹² O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Sequence Hymn

Alleluia

Gospel

John 6:56-69

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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Collect for Rector Search

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

Lord God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: send forth your Holy Spirit to guide the Search Committee, Vestry, and parish family of St. Augustine's to be of one heart and mind in our search for a rector who will worship in our midst, become part of our parish family, and guide us in spiritual growth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Offertory	<i>Breathe</i>	B#32
Presentation Hymn	<i>Doxology</i>	
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The Communion

If you are worshipping remotely, you may wish to pray the following prayer during the distribution of Holy Communion:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

A Prayer for Communion with Christ from A Prayer Book for the Armed Services-2008

Communion Hymn	<i>Glorious in Majesty</i>	B#9
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Closing Hymn	<i>Alleluia, Sing to Jesus</i>	H#460
The Dismissal		

Prayer Requests: *Alana Perrin, Stanley Perrin, Jr., Caroline A., The Wilson Family, Irwin Royes, Zander James, Kevin Murray, Kasey Murray, The Nickalson Family, Jason Rushon, Elizabeth Canova, Lilah Blanchard, Carmel Fitzpatrick, Grace Benson, Ariel Funck*

For Those Who Have Died:

Birthdays this week: *Sara DeJong, Stephen Braud, Tyler Capps*

The Blessings of This Life: *The decorations on the altar today are given to the glory of the Almighty God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bishop is Coming!

Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Morris Thompson, Jr., will visit St. Augustine's on **Sunday, August 29th for the 10:30 service**. If you or someone you know is interested in being Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church on that day, please contact Fr. Brad as soon as possible so that preparations can be made.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 12th. For this school year, we will continue meeting virtually. Children 3 years old through 5th grade are encouraged to attend. If you would like to receive a set of children's pamphlets so you can join in the activities one Sunday or all of them, please contact Catherine.Coats@att.net. In addition, Catherine is looking for other adults to assist with teaching. If you are willing to learn Zoom or know it already, please contact Catherine so she can get teaching materials to you and work with you on coordinating schedules.

Rector Search

The Rector Search Committee shares this update. The Committee has been hard at work, and with the benefit of the parish survey, has been formulating interview questions for candidates, and has also prepared a profile on the national church's Office for Transition Ministry database. The database is only one way that the Committee can learn about interested candidates, so if you have a candidate to recommend, be sure to let one of the Committee members know. As with many things right now, plans can change, but we anticipate accepting names through September.