

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from **Starters for Sunday**, posted on the website of the Church of Scotland.

You shall have no other gods before me.

Lord, help us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

Lord, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Lord, help us to honor you with reverence and awe.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Lord, help us to remember you are risen from the dead, and to set our minds on things above, not on things on the earth.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, help us to live as you did, giving respect to all, and love to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

You shall not murder.

Lord, help us to be reconciled with each other, and to overcome evil with good.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, help us to realize that our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

You shall not steal.

Let us be honest in all we do, and to care for those in need.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Lord, help us always to speak the truth.

You shall not covet.

Lord, help us to remember that you said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive', and help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

OPENING SONG

Change My Heart, O God

#801

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 5:1-21

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL:

Mark 12:28-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

#800

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.**

**Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!**

**Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the
dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in
need. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BENEDICTION

May God the Father prepare your journey, Jesus the Son guide your footsteps, and the Spirit of Life strengthen
your body. May the 3-in-1 watch over you + and be with you, on every road on which you journey. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN*Rise, Shine, You People*

#665

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He
comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men
and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the
Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Stay safe and be safe. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE