



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome! Everything you need to follow along with today's service can be found in this liturgy guide.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

The Church's one foundation

Hymnal 525

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

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1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long-ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Song of Praise

Glory to God

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the

Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.

Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

Setting: John L. Bell and the Wild Goose Worship Group from *Come All You People*
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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

After the reading:

<i>Lector</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

The Lector leads the reading of the Psalm.

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| ¹ I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise. | ⁶ They will sing of the ways of God, *
that great is the glory of God. |
| ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness; | ⁷ Although on high, God cares for the lowly *
and perceives the haughty from afar. |
| ³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things. | ⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. |
| ⁴ When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me. | ⁹ You will make good your purpose for me; *
O God, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands. |
| ⁵ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth. | |

The Second Reading

After the reading:

<i>Lector</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel is processed around the assembly. You may touch, kiss, or reverence the Gospel as it passes.

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to _____.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel is proclaimed:

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as 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,
Begot / ten, 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 of the Holy Spirit and the
Vir/gin Mary,
And became / truly human.*

*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 gi/ver of life,
Who proceeds / from the Father.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped / and glorified.
Who has spoken / through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apo/stolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive / ness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of / the dead,
and the life of the world to / come. Amen.*

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The Prayers of the People

After each petition:

Intercessor Lord, in your goodness;
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
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 Presider pronounces the Absolution, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Offertory Hymn & Procession

Jesus, thou divine companion

Hymnal 586

All are invited to come forward as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves.

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1 Je - sus, thou di - vine Com - pan - ion, by thy low - ly
2 Where the man - y toil to - geth - er, there art thou a -
3 Ev - ery task, how - ev - er sim - ple, sets the soul that



hu - man birth thou hast come to join the work - ers,
mong thine own; where the sol - i - tar - y la - bor,
does it free; ev - ery deed of hu - man kind - ness



bur - den - bear - ers of the earth. Thou, the car - pen - ter of
thou art there with them a - lone; thou, the peace that pass - eth
done in love is done to thee. Je - sus, thou di - vine Com -



Naz - areth, toil - ing for thy dai - ly food, by thy pa - tience
know - ledge, dwell - est in the dai - ly strife; thou, the Bread of
pan - ion, help us all to work our best; bless us in our



and thy cour - age, thou hast taught us toil is good.
heaven, art bro - ken in the sac - ra - ment of life.
dai - ly la - bor, lead us to our Sab - bath rest.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933), alt. Music: *Pleading Savior*, melody from *The Christian Lyre*, 1830; harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

All stand, as able. Children are invited to gather around the altar.

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider prays a Proper Preface, then continues.

Presider Therefore we praise you, joining with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Lift Every Voice & Sing II 255

Ho ly ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of

hosts Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est Blessed-is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord of the Lord Ho - san na in the high -

est ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider recalls God's work in creation and Christ's Last Supper.

The Presider and People pray the Memorial Acclamation:

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

People **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer, the People respond in a loud voice, 'AMEN!'

Celebrant: As our Sa-vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, —

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -

give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871-1940)

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.

Presider Behold what you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

The Presider invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.

Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in person receive:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Eat this bread

Advocate Songbook 99

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are printed below the staves. The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with a final cadence at the end of the second system.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

1 I'm gon-na live so gon-na live so God can use me
(I'm gon-na live so) (God can

use me) an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y -

where.) I'm gon-na live so God can use me
(I'm gon-na live so)

an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y time) (an - y - where.)

2 I'm gonna work...

3 I'm gonna pray...

4 I'm gonna sing...

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

I'M GONNA LIVE
Irregular

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Dismissal

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond in a loud voice, 'Thanks be to God!'



Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Advocate

Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, we're so glad to have you worship with us today!

Here at the Advocate, we believe in the core principles of compassion, justice, and transformation, which are expressed in the rhythms of our worship. The ancient word for what we do is 'liturgy,' which means 'the work of the people,' and it is the work of the Advocate to pray and break bread together, as our Sunday morning liturgy inspires us to go into the world proclaiming the love of Jesus. We therefore encourage the people gathered to participate fully, by your prayers, your singing, and your presence.

The songs we sing come from the blue *Hymnal 1982*, as well as our Advocate Songbook, which features music from other resources such as *Lift Every Voice and Sing*; *Wonder, Love, and Praise*; *Voices Found*; the American shape note tradition; Taizé; St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church; and more. All are used with copyright permission.

Founded at the turn of the century as a mission of the three Orange County Episcopal congregations, the Advocate has been a place of rest and refuge for believers of all sorts. We welcome every expression of the human condition and encourage questions and conversation, as we explore together what it means to be followers of Jesus in an ever changing and confusing world. In 2023 we achieved parish status, and we're excited for this new season in which we're continuing to learn and grow into what it means to be a witness of Christ's love for the wider community.



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We are a people of prayer and action, eager to serve our neighbors near and far. Through intergenerational formation, worship, and fellowship opportunities, we offer a place for anyone and everyone to explore their own faith and find the strength and support of a loving community of seekers.

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. Welcome to the Advocate!



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