Year A – Proper 13

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Collect for Proper 13

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.

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:1-5

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1 Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat.
Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for
what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is
good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and
your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you -- The sure mercies of David.

4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. 5
Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you,
Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.'

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145

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1 I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. 2 Every day I will
bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be
praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall praise Your works to another, And
shall declare Your mighty acts.

5 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. 6 Men
shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness. 7 They shall utter
the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness. 8 The LORD is gracious
and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

9 The LORD is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works. 10 All Your works shall
praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You. 11 They shall speak of the glory of Your
kingdom, And talk of Your power, 12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the
glorious majesty of His kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
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The LORD upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season. 16 You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works. 18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. 19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. 20 The LORD preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.

At the end of the Psalms this is sung or said

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

New Testament

Romans 9:1-5

1 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,

4 who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; 5 of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Deacon: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you. Or And with your spirit.*

Deacon: *May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.*

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: *We are reading from Matthew's Gospel chapter 14, beginning at verse 13.*

13 When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. 14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15 When it was

evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.' 16 But Jesus said to them, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.'

17 And they said to Him, 'We have here only five loaves and two fish.' 18 He said, 'Bring them here to Me.' 19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

After the Gospel reading, the deacon can elevate the book and says:

Deacon: ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

People: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*