



# Celebrate

Sunday, August 30, 2020  
13th Sunday after Pentecost

*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

## Prayer of the Day

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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me  
on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance do not take me  
away;  
know that on your account I suffer  
insult.  
<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate  
them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.  
<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of  
merrymakers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat  
alone,  
for you had filled me with  
indignation.  
<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful  
brook,  
like waters that fail.  
<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not  
what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.  
<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the LORD.  
<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of  
the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of  
the ruthless.

## Psalm

Psalm 26:1-8; refrain, Ps. 26:3



Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived <sup>1</sup> with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and <sup>1</sup> have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O <sup>1</sup> LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart <sup>1</sup> and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- <sup>1</sup> fore my eyes;  
I have walked faithful- <sup>1</sup> ly with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat <sup>1</sup> with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with <sup>1</sup> the deceitful. R**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of <sup>1</sup> evildoers;  
I will not sit down <sup>1</sup> with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in inno- <sup>1</sup> cence, O LORD,  
that I may go in procession <sup>1</sup> round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your won- <sup>1</sup> derful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, I love the house in <sup>1</sup> which you dwell  
and the place where your glo- <sup>1</sup> ry abides. R**