

Church of the Holy Trinity



The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Morning Prayer Pentecost 15

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Opening Music: *Global House Warming Party* - Peter Van Siclen

Opening Acclamation

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Versicle and response

Officiant: Lord open our lips. People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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. Alleluia

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 114

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

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.

The First Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Musical interlude: Ty Warren

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison

until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Musical interlude: Ty Warren

Sermon: Rev. Mary Barnett

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Suffrages

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Let your way be known upon earth;

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And grant us your salvation.

Let your people sing with joy.

For only in you can we live in safety.

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Your saving health among all nations.

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People: Ted Coolidge

Let's take a deep breath together, and be still in the presence of God.

Your own prayers are invited after each set of prayers.

Silence

Let us pray for the church:

Holy God, it is good to be together again. It is in you that we find the stability and encouragement we need, as day by day you come to us and by your love in our hearts, we can find our way. May it be that your church everywhere brings such an awakening to the world. Your own prayers are invited, either silently or aloud. *(pause)*

We pray for Ian and Laura our Bishops, Mary our priest, Thomas our Benedictine Monk, and for our vestry and all our members.

Silence

Let us pray for the Nation:

Lord Jesus, we pray for the nations in these difficult times. Protect the first responders as they go about their serving. Give our leaders wisdom of heart in decision-making for the common good. And Awaken hope for new days to come, when lessons learned will help us build a better world. Your own prayers are invited, silently or aloud. *(pause)*

We pray for Donald our President, Ned our Governor, and Benjamin our Mayor. We pray also for the health care community and the scientists working to guard and care for our nation's health.

Silence

Let us pray for welfare of the world:

Let us pray for the faculties and students of schools and colleges that effective ways of teaching and learning will develop, and measures taken to protect students and staff from the corona virus will be successful. We pray also for their families and parents. Please pray for any you know, either silently or aloud. *(pause)*

Let us pray for ourselves:

Holy one, we pray for our parish as we begin the fall season in these uncertain times. We are glad to be worshiping together out front even as we pray for wise discernment about returning inside in days to come. We also pray for ways to grow in our life together, in serving one another and our neighbors near and far.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: *Eva Hallstead-Williams, Julie-Ann Claude, Michael Dragone, Delaney Bishop, and Veronika Webb.*

Hear us now, as we offer our prayers for all those others for whom they have been requested: *Peter, Derek Duda, Barbara P. Cora, Mike, Jonathan Willetts, Dortha Willetts, Joanne Palozie-Weems, Larry Ward, Danisha, Lucas & Dante Flores, Kim-Jean, John McMillan, Alan Webb, Ann Coward, Marion Harris, for those serving in our Armed Forces especially Matthew Muse and Joshua Neville, and for our Shut-ins, especially Nancy Burgess.*

Are there others? (Silence for names to be added) Be with them, we pray, with your healing and life-giving spirit. We pray also for those who have died and are now forever with you: *Orrin E. & Florence M. Daniels, Ernest L. & Luella McCutcheon, Charles A.L. & Florence E. Morgan, Robert P. & Rita G. Landis*

Are there others? (silence for others to be added) Grant them your peace.

Officiant:

Receive these our prayers, Lord, and the unspoken prayers of our hearts. Guide and direct us now and always in your way. Amen

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

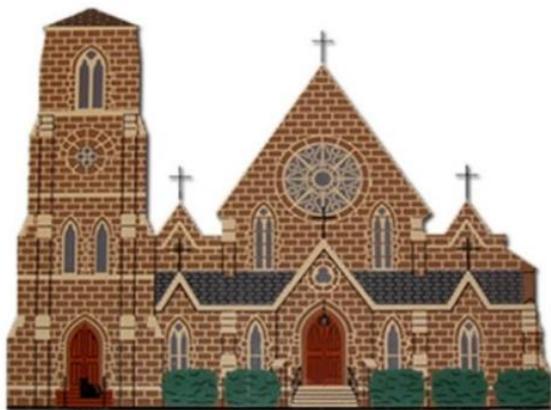
Officiant:

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Closing Music



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