

September 13, 2020 10am

Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



Loving God. Loving People.
Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: The Reverend Patrick McManus
Preaching: The Reverend Brian Suggs
Assisting: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

Prelude:

Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Welcome:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Almighty God,
People: **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God:

Presider: Glory to God in the highest,
People: **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive
our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Back to School Blessing:

Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*We read and respond to God's message in
Scripture*

First Reading:
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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114:

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob
from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young
sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned
back?

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills like
young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of
the God of Jacob.

**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.

Hymn 450:
You Call Us, Lord, to Be
Tune: Rhosymedre

You call us, Lord, to be
A people set apart,
To feel with thoughtful mind
And think with tender heart.

Refrain:

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
To make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care
For self and neighbour too,
To take the risk, and dare
To show what love can do. *Refrain:*

You call us, Lord, to serve:
To die that we may live,
To know we best receive
When joyfully we give. *Refrain:*

~Jane Manton Marshall (1924-2019)

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel:
Matthew 18:21-35

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospeller: Then 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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Please be seated.

Sermon:

The Reverend Brian Suggs

The Apostles' Creed:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in the Apostles' Creed.

People: **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.**

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

Prayers of the People:

*For the Church, those in authority, the world, our community,
the sick and those in need, for the departed,
and for the forgiveness of our sins.*

Confession and Absolution:

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Presider: Most Merciful God,
People: **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 neighbours 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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Peace:

*Having prayed for God's grace and peace for us and the world,
we offer an exchange of peace with one another with words only.
As you are comfortable, you may use the live chat to say, "Peace be with you"
to those participating online.*

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Hymn 487:

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Tune: Twenty-Fourth (Primrose)

**Where charity and love prevail,
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
By love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;**

**Let us with heart and mind and strength
Now love him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.**

**Love can exclude no race or creed
If honoured be God's name;
Our common life embraces all
Whose Father is the same.**

~Latin (9th cent.); tr. Omer Westendorf (1916-1997)

Prayer over the Gifts:
Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Holy God,
accept all we offer you this day.
May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour,
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels
to celebrate as we say:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Presider: Therefore we proclaim our hope.

People: **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider: Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread:

Presider: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

People: **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

Organ Interlude:

Prayer after Communion:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: God of peace,
in this Eucharist we have been reconciled
to you and to our neighbours.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
always have the courage to forgive.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Doxology:

Presider: Glory to God
People: **Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ
Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing:

Presider: Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with you all;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

cf. 2 Thessalonians 3.16

The Dismissal:

Leader: Go forth in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospeller: The Reverend Jennifer Cameron

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