

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 16, 2017 5:30 pm

September 17, 2017 7:30 am

Holy Eucharist

Musical Prelude

Alan Van Zee, piano

Please stand, as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Collect For Purity

BCP 355

The Gloria

BCP 356

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

The Word of God

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

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.

Presider 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.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Andrew McMullen

Musical Reflection

Alan Van Zee

The people stand and affirm their faith.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

We especially pray for Stephanie, Melissa, Janice, Samantha, Kalani, Dora, Ezra, Ben, Bryant, Deborah, Dick, Sue, Marvin, Charlotte, Peter, Monica, Annette, Kelley, Marilyn, Gay, Cecilia, John, Amanda, Bob, Esther, Robert, Joy, Billy, Terry, Maria, Don, Momi and Michael.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as he/she/they begins/begin another year. Grant that he/she/they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/hers/their trust in your goodness all the days of his/her/their life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

Grant O God, in your compassion that these your servants having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again on their anniversary the covenant which they have made, that they may continue to grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Travelers' Prayer

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Representatives of the congregation receive the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus S129

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

The Communion

All who have been baptized may come forward for communion, and those among us who are not are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. You may stand or kneel. Please extend both your palms to receive the bread. If you wish to receive gluten free bread, simply extend one hand. The cup is filled with alcoholic wine. You may drink from the cup by guiding the chalice to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the bread in the cup. If you desire to receive a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

The Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude Alan Van Zee, piano