

TRINITY

The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost September 13, 2020

Welcome & Technical Info

The Rev. Lawrence B. Weeks

Prelude

Nell Britton

Opening Hymn #8 “Morning Has Broken”

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Opening Acclamation

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Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you*

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: *Let us pray.*

God of love, you brought your people out of slavery with a mighty hand. Deliver us from our captivity to self-interest and our indifference to the gifts of others, so that we may be ready to love as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Lessons

A Reading from Exodus 14:19-31

Read by Lynne Gammon

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: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people*

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 114

Read by Tom Keating

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.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35
The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.”

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The Gospel of the Lord

People:

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

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Prayers of the People

Adapted from Lectionary Prayers, Vanderbilt Divinity School

Led by Tim Dunn

The Leader and People pray responsively

Peoples responses in bold

Leader: God of all that is good, in scripture you give us your vision for the world. In love, you give us your grace. In wisdom, you give us each other. Through the vision of the Spirit we learn that your very hope is that we be your presence, your power, and your Body in the world.
God who unites us all, **Bless your holy people.**

Leader: God of Justice and Truth, we pray for our nation. Teach us humility, open our hearts to those who are different, forgive us for our blindness to human suffering. May all of us learn from the relatedness of God how to live in love for each other and protect one another from the surge of this pandemic. We pray for just and comprehensive stimulus package now being negotiated in congress, that our leaders may be motivated by compassion and generosity.
God who calls us to Justice and forgives us, **Open our hearts to receive your truth.**

Leader: Help us reach out to the world, seeing the beauty of your gifts as well as the urgency of need in all we serve. Show us how to live so that we do not exploit your world. This week we continue to pray for safety of all high school students and teachers and staff as they contemplate a return to school. We also pray for all those who have already returned to school and their parents and grandparents and the caregivers.
God who makes power of powerlessness, **Make us channels of justice and peace.**

Leader: We pray for those who suffer. We continue to pray for all those displaced and injured by wildfires in the west. This week we pray for Kevin Simmons, Bob Simmons, Dick Ross, Renee Lamb, Allison Schroth, Andrew Weeks, Lisa Edgerly, Ed Walters, Bobby Rand, Larry Lord, Cathy Buckley, John J. Gorham, Janene Gorham, John & Martha Bicknell, Barbara Vessey, David Howes, Annette Carter, Nancy Hill, the people of the Armed Forces and all First Responders and all suffering from continued symptoms of the corona virus.

Please say the names of those who would benefit from our prayers.

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(Unmute your microphone and name those people and concerns for whom we should pray. Then mute your microphone again.)

God who enfolds us in your own wounds, **Open our hearts to know the healing power of your love.**

Leader: We pray for all those who have died, especially Sandy Holloway. We also pray for Sandy's family (our own Dibble Appleton) and all who mourn. May we know the presence of that cloud of witnesses around us as we seek to be your people. Bless those who mourn and those who, in their grief, know the sure and certain promise of eternal life in you.

God of forever and from before time, **We praise you for the wonder of eternal life.**

Leader: We pray for each other: for those near to this place and those who are distant; for those we've known well and those we've never met; for everyone who has joined us here through communion's embracing spirit. For the healing of divisions everywhere we pray, **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Leader: God of Joy and Companionship, we thank you for the blessings and gifts of life.

Silence to consider our blessings

Leader: God of all blessings, **We give you heartfelt thanks and praise.**

Silence

Leader: God of freedom, you brought your people out of slavery with a mighty hand. Deliver us from our captivity to pride and indifference to the needs and gifts of others, that we may be ready to love as you have loved us, and to give even as we have received. **Amen.**

***Names on Prayer List**

Bev Richter, Evelyn Dunn, Amanda Louton, Virginia Vaillancourt, Maxine Gildred, Lois & Gail Butterfield, Jim Rhudy, Tammy-Beth Montgomery, Ellie, Tara and Mike Walters, Donna & Normand Lum, Barbara Robery, Cathy James, Mary Ann Butson, Max, Sarah & Ryan, Annabelle, Paula Berry, Mary McDonnell, Dorothy Lomas, Anne Powell, Kathy Stead, Susan Winslow, Kim Grey, Tom Berry, Nancy W. Atkinson, Virginia Reid, Evelyn Thurston, Angelika & Abraham Schechter, Pam Brown, Vicky Stevens, Carlla Potts, Ann Shea, Roger Morin, and Clive and Pat Whitton.

The Lord's Prayer

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**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**

Announcements

The Blessing

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Closing Hymn # 366 "Holy God, we praise Thy Name"

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Dismissal Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! The Rev. Lawrence B. Weeks
People: **Thanks be to God Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

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Please stay around for Zoom Coffee Hour

