

***St. Andrew's Episcopal Church***  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2020 (10:30 am)**  
**Presider: The Rev. LaClaire Atkins**  
**Preacher: The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer**  
**Lector: Ron Dunic**  
**Organist: Dr. Michael Bauer**  
**Music Director: Ms. Susie Thorne**

**Prelude: "Silence May Be Kept"**

**Dan Locklair**

**Announcements**

**Opening Song: "Your Love Feeds My Soul"**

Words & music by Grant Birchard

***All Sing bold italics***

Father, in a world filled with heartache and sorrow

***I have found Your love feeds my soul***

Father, when I'm feeling I just can't face tomorrow

***I have found Your love feeds my soul***

repeat

Chorus: ***I have found Your love feeds my soul***

***I have found Your love feeds my soul***

***It's better than life so I'll glorify You***

***Spirit within me cry out Your name***

***I have found Your love feeds my soul***

Father, when the stresses of this life weigh upon me

***I have found Your love feeds my soul***

Father, when my dreams are laid in ruin before me

***I have found Your love feeds my soul***

Chorus

Bridge: When darkness is wielding the sword of despair

I cry out to God, "Hear my prayer!"

And suddenly joy rises up from within

In the knowledge You'll always be there

Chorus

## Liturgy of the Word

### Opening Acclamation

**Presider: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

**People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

### Collect for Purity

**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 your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Gloria: "Your Name"

Words & music by Paul Baloche & Glenn Packiam



As morn-ing dawns and eve - ning\_\_\_ fades. You in - spi - re songs of praise; that  
Je - sus in your name we pray. \_\_\_ Come and fill our hearts to-day; Lord



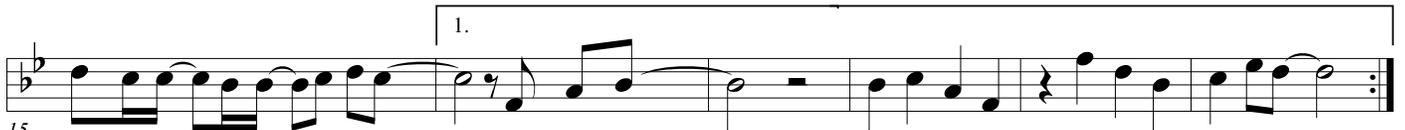
5 rise from earth to touch\_\_\_ your heart and glo - ri - fy\_\_\_ your name. \_\_\_ Your name  
give us strength to live \_\_\_ for You and glo - ri - fy\_\_\_ your name. \_\_\_



9 \_\_\_\_\_ is a strong and might y tow - er; Your name \_\_\_\_\_ is a



12 shel - ter like no oth - er; Your name \_\_\_\_\_ let the na - tions sing it loud - er; 'cause



15 nothing has the power to save \_\_\_ but your name. \_\_\_



21 Je - sus in your name we pray. Come and fill our hearts to-day;

**Presider: God 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.***

**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**

**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 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."**

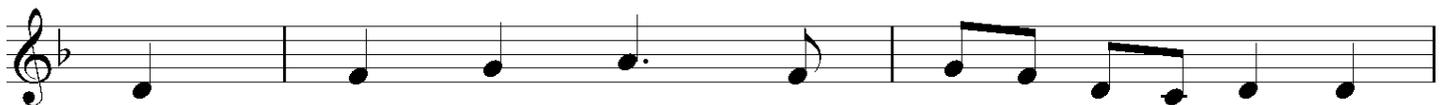
**So then, each of us will be accountable to God.**

**Reader: The Word of the Lord.**

***People: Thanks be to God.***

**Sequence Hymn: Forgive our sins**

**Hymnal #674**



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and



taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to



grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.  
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

**Priest:** 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."**

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sermon:**

**The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer**

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Song: "Song Without Words"**

**Craig Phillips**

**Kara McIntire, Cello**

## **Prayers of the People**

**I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Mark's Pro Cathedral in Hastings, The Very Rev. Katie Hargis, priest, Deacon Greg Burke, and for Brother James and The Benedictine Way. I ask your prayers for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.**

***Silence***

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,  
People: Hear our prayer.**

**I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations especially Donald, our President; Pete, our Governor; and Jean, our Mayor; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.**

***Silence***

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,  
People: Hear our prayer.**

**I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray especially for Scott, Terry and Sharon, Leonardo, Olivia, Loribeth, Richard, Kenner, Susan, Betty, Morgan, Ray, Michael and those we pray for now (pause, people may add their own petitions, please write petitions in the comment section of Facebook) We pray for those dealing with natural disasters, especially those in the paths of hurricanes and fires. Pray for those in any need or trouble.**

***Silence***

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,  
People: Hear our prayer.**

**I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.**

***Silence***

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,  
People: Hear our prayer.**

**I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_].  
Pray for those who have died.**

***Silence***

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,  
People: Hear our prayer.**

**I ask your prayers for ourselves, our families, and those we love. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Amy, Aaleya, Nyatip, Natalie, Janet, Joel, Cathy, Connor and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially D.J and Tara, Mike and Rhonda. In our parish cycle of prayer, we give thanks for the Liberty, Mabry, MacNeill, and Malnack families. Please add any additional thanksgivings.**

***Silence***

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,  
People: Hear our prayer.**

**I ask you prayers for everyone affected by Covid 19. We pray for all healthcare and essential workers. We pray especially for our youth, college students, and teachers returning to school settings.**

***Silence***

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,  
People: Hear our prayer.**

**O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.***

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***The priest says***

**Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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

**Peace:**

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

***People: And also with you.***

*The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Prayer for St. Andrew's Parish**

**Gracious God, who called the Apostle Andrew to follow Jesus; give each of us at St. Andrew's parish the same grace to follow Jesus without delay. Through our worship, work and daily lives may we bring others into your gracious presence. Grant that each of us be guided and directed by the Holy Spirit so that our lives will reflect your love in the world. Through Christ our Savior. Amen**

**And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,**

***People and Celebrant***

**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.**

***Officiant and People***

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all people.**

**We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for thine inestimable love**

**in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee,**

**give us that due sense of all thy mercies,**

**that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;**

**and that we show forth thy praise,**

**not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

**by giving up our selves to thy service,**

**and by walking before thee**

**in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,**

**be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

## ***A 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.***

**Blessing:**

**The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.**

## **Closing Song: "Christ Be Magnified"**

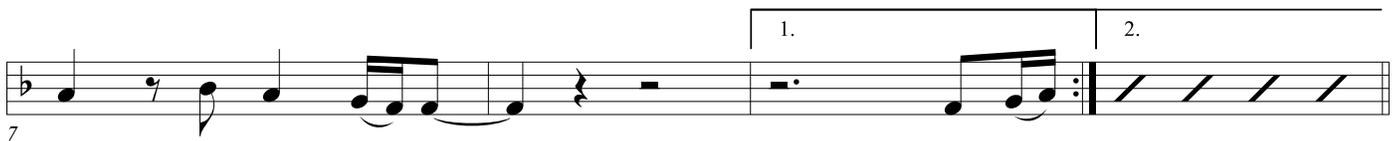
Words & music by Cody Carnes, Cory Asbury, & Ethan Hulse



Were cre - a - tion sud - den - ly\_\_ ar - ti - u - late with a\_\_ thou - sand tongues to lift one  
whole earth ech - o - ing his em - i - nence His name would burst from sea and



\_\_ cry. Then from north - to south and east moun - to west, we'd hear }  
\_\_ sky. From riv - ers to the moun - tain tops, we'd hear }



Christ be mag - ni - fied!\_\_ Were the



O Christ be mag - ni - fied.\_\_ Let his praise a - rise.\_\_ Christ be mag - ni - fied\_\_ in\_\_ me



O Christ be mag - ni - fied.\_\_ from the al - tar of\_\_ my life,\_\_ Christ, be mag - ni - fied\_\_ in\_\_ me.

**Dismissal**

**Postlude: "There Is No Greater Love"**

**Music by Isham Jones**

**Musicians (band): Dan Cerveny – keyboard/pedal base; Tom Phillips – guitar/vocal; Darren Pettit – tenor sax; Joey Gulizia – drums; Susie Thorne -- vocals.**

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***We are a Christ-centered community,  
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**The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer-----Rector**

**The Rev. Robert A. Gross-----Assisting Priest**

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