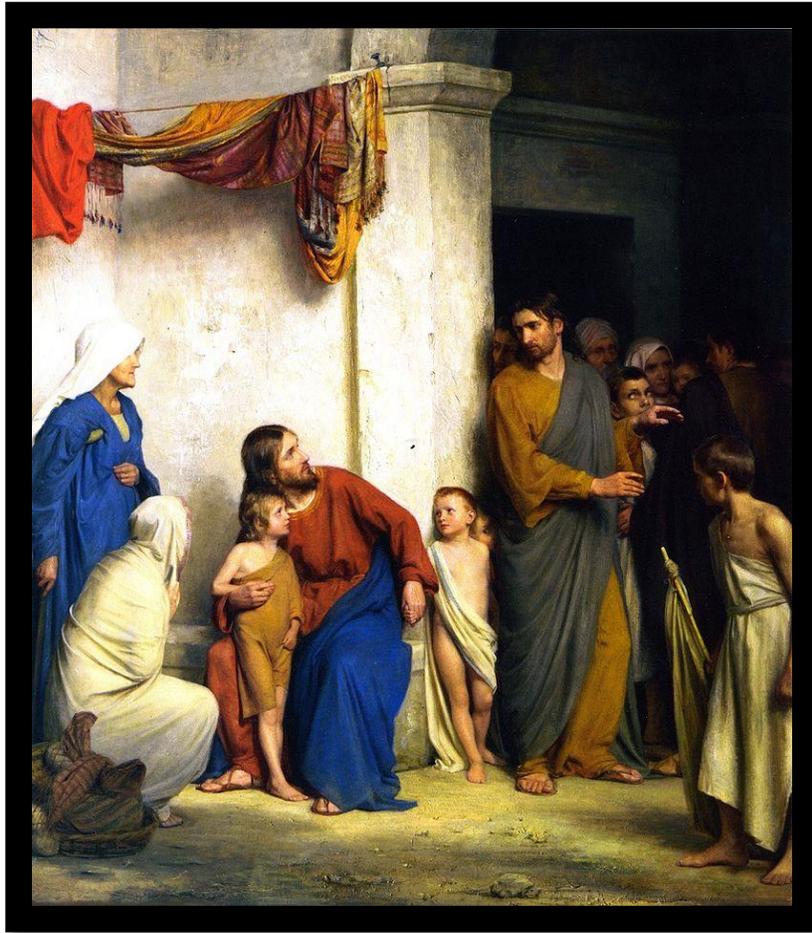


The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020



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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You will notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns. You are invited to participate however you wish.

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Prelude

Processional Hymn 390 (vs. 1&4)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation: Join the great throng, Psaltery, organ, and song, Sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath breath join with Abraham's seed to adore him! Let the "Amen" Sum all our praises again Now as we worship before him. Amen.

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

Presider † Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ -- Philipians 1:2

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

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

Presider and People together

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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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.

The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider and People

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.

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

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

BCP 82

Presider and People

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with
psalms. For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Benedic, anima mea

Psalm 103:1-13

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is
within me, bless his holy Name.
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
3 He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
4 He redeems your life from the grave and crowns
you with mercy and loving-kindness;
5 He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
6 The LORD executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
7 He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our
wickedness.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is
his mercy great upon those who fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.
13 As a father cares for his children, so does
the LORD care for those who fear him.

The Second Lesson

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 603 (Vs. 1, 3 & 4)

When Christ was lifted from the earth

1 When Christ was lifted from the earth, his arms stretched out above through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.

3 Where generation, class, or race divide us to our shame, he sees not labels but a face, a person, and a name.

4 Thus freely loved, though fully known, may I in Christ be free to welcome and accept his own as Christ accepted me.

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Mr. Foster Peterson

The Apostles Creed

BCP 96

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 Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 96

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider **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.**

Suffrage B

BCP 96

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor

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.*

Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Presider and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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.*

Recessional Hymn 336

1 Come with us, O blessèd Jesus,
with us evermore to be;
and though leaving now thine altar,
let us nevermore leave thee.
Be thou one with us for ever,
in our life thy love divine
our own flesh and blood has taken,
and to us thou givest thine.

2 Come with us, O mighty Savior,
God from God, and Light from
Light; thou art God, thy glory
veiling, so that we may bear the
sight. Now we go to seek and
serve thee, through our work as
through our prayer; grant us light
to see and know thee,
in thy people everywhere.

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

3 Come with us, O King of glory,
by angelic voices praised;
in our hearts as in thy heaven,
be enraptured anthems raised.
Let the mighty chorus ever
sing its glad exultant songs;
let its hymn be heard for ever-
peace for which creation longs.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

BCP 102

Priest Let us bless the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Postlude

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Donna Wrinkle with Thanksgiving for her grandson, Christian Kohl, on his 12th Birthday.

Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Tom, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Chris & AJ, Lynda, Elizabeth, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick Ramsey, Lethia, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, the Halls, and the Stinchcombs; The Meeks Family; For all those affected by COVID-19, For our country and the division, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

Birthdays

Linda Harris	9/16
Adrienne Doyle	9/17
James Stinchcomb	9/17
Sue Tidwell	9/17
Michele Floyd	9/18
Ron Farr	9/18

Anniversaries

Justin & Leslie Gross 9/16

Thank you to Foster Peterson who lead our Morning Prayer Service this Morning

We want to thank Foster for his willingness to lead our worship services while Fr. Paul is away officiating at the wedding of Zack Alger and Laura Crookless. It is the faithful act of leadership by Foster that allows for ministry beyond our church walls to take place. We are grateful for Foster's willingness to officiate at our service this morning and we hope you enjoyed the gifts we have in our congregation.

***GREAT NEWS: On Sept. 27th we will have worship Online at 9:00am and Outside Service at 10:30am**

As we transition through these difficult and uncertain times with COVID-19, ECA is adapting services with your health and well-being as a priority. On Sunday Sept. 27th at 10:30AM we will offer one outside service for ***50 people** in the field by the playground. We will continue to stream online Sunday services via Facebook; at 9:00AM with Morning prayer, additionally, we will meet outside (weather permitting) on Sunday Sept. 27th 10:30AM for Morning prayer. Please note: we must follow strict physical distancing guidelines and attendance limits in accordance with the Diocese of Atlanta, CDC & Health Dept. Stay tuned for more details. Please email ecaparish@gmail.com to sign up to attend the service.

Important NEW COVID-19 Guidelines & Info for limited In-person worship & group gatherings

The diocese has come out with some updated gathering documents this past week. While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship, providing opportunities for small gatherings will be allowed. The most important take away from the new guidelines is the opportunity to visit the sanctuary for sacred time. All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:

- Gathering Guidelines for Phase I limited outside Sunday Service as of September 10: [Click Here](#)
- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service

While we are still not allowed to meet in our worship space, we continue to stream a Sunday service to our parish and cyber community. If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at pcm09@bellsouth.net. There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested.

Adult Christian Formation class Sundays at 10:30a.m. via Zoom

Those who are interested can participate in our Adult Christian formation class via Zoom at 10:30 am. Contact Ron Allen at ronallenga@yahoo.com or contact Fr. Paul for Zoom meeting information. Current topics have been about how to adjust to the current COVID-19 climate as a faithful Christian in a divided community.

NEW Online Directory Now Live!

The new directory is now live and available on our web-site or via the link here: [Click here](#) (password is required, please email: ecaparish@gmail.com to request the password). You may download the directory to your electronic device, print it, or.... get an app! That way, it's always at your fingertips.

Links to Member Apps:

- Apple App Store: Get the iPhone / iPad app [here](#)
- Google Play Store: Get the Android app [here](#)
- Kindle Fire Store: Get the Kindle app [here](#)
- Members can create a log in for the Online Member Directory at <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

There is still time to update or add a photo, however. You may upload a photo yourself here. Simply take a selfie and upload! <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/6a4fe93a-db27-4ab9-923c-f07ef3c2c0b0/family/new>

Sign up for the ECA Newsletter

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by [clicking here](#). Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

Pavilion Update: Site work is being Done

We have begun working on the site area for our outdoor pavilion and we are looking forward to moving ahead with the project. We ask that you please refrain from going to the church to see what is happening. We will keep the parish updated as work progresses. We do not have an end date for the project to be completed because we have to order materials and we have been told there is a 4-6 week wait period due to COVID-19. We are excited about this next phase and look forward to its completion. We are very blessed, and we thank all those who have contributed to the project to help make it happen.

Father Paul Continues to make Pastoral Calls during COVID-19 as Needed

Fr. Paul is making his Pastoral Rounds virtually via telephone calls and online check-ins. If you are in need of counseling, prayer, or simply a virtual visit, please contact Fr. Paul directly at 770-490-7234 or by email at pcm09@bellsouth.net. Part of what makes ECA so special is the community and support we offer to one another!

Several Ways to Give During the Temporary Change in Activities and Worship

During the next few weeks we will not be able to gather in person at ECA. Unfortunately, our bills still come due. Please consider ways to give in your absence. For your convenience, ECA now offers online giving. It's fast and easy! Please note, there is a 2.2% fee plus \$0.30 per transaction the church incurs. Simply click the 'Online Giving' button on our website and designate what your funds are for. You can also set up Check Pay through your bank and designate to ECA. Additionally, you may mail your check or take it to the church and place in the securely locked mailbox at the street; address is 1673 Jamerson Rd. Marietta, GA 30066. We greatly appreciate your support during these difficult times!

Financial Report and Giving Statements have been sent out, contact office with any concerns or questions

Every Month we will make available our year to date financial results. Currently, for the year we are in good financial shape. The finance committee, in conjunction with the Vestry, has been paying close attention to our expenses during the current hardships we are facing with no in-person services at ECA. We are \$7,958 below projected revenue with pledge and non-pledge income and plate collection revenues. Since our expenses are down, we are in positive scenario with income/expenses. Thank you for your continued financial support during these difficult times!

<u>(YTD) Through August 2020</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	\$146,842	\$158,355	(\$11,513)
<u>Expenses</u>	\$140,067	\$153,438	\$13,371
<u>Net Year to date</u>	\$6,775	\$4,917	\$1,858

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