



**Morning Prayer**  
**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**OPENING SENTENCE**

**Officiant:** Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

**Officiant 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.*

**Officiant:** 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.*

**INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

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

**Officiant 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.*

**ANTIPHON**

**Officiant:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*People:* Come let us adore him.

**Venite: Psalm 95:1-7 (Spoken by Whole Verse)**

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!

**Psalm 103:1-13 (Spoken by Whole Verse)**

Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.  
He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;  
He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;  
He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.  
The LORD executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.  
He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.  
The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.  
He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.  
As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

**Officiant 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 forever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSONS**

**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.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**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.

**ANTHEM: Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord"**

**Susan Hollinger**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35**

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."

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**SERMON: "Am I Putting Myself in the Place of God"**

**Reverend Georgia DuBose**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**Officiant and 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.*

## THE PRAYERS

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Officiant and People:** 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.*

### SUFFRAGES "B" (Spoken by Whole Verse)

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; \*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you; \*

We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today; \*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy; \*

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope; \*

And we shall never hope in vain.

### COLLECT FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Officiant and People:** 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 SUNDAYS

**Officiant and People:** O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### A PRAYER FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

**Officiant and People:** Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

**Officiant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone - a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **COLLECT FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

**Officiant and People:** Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

### **A PRAYER FOR HEROIC SERVICE**

**Officiant and People:** O Judge of nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the people of this country and other countries who, in this time of crisis, venture much to preserve the blessings we now enjoy. We ask that all who work while many shelter from the illness the corona virus causes, may be sustained in health and safety, and know the respect and gratitude of their fellow citizens. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE**

**Officiant and People:** O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rise up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in the light we may see light, and in the straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE**

**Officiant and People:** O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS (Moment of Silence)**

#### **A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS**

**Officiant and People:** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

#### **BLESSING**

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **DISMISSAL**

**Officiant:** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Mother Georgia by email [gdubose@gmail.com](mailto:gdubose@gmail.com) or phone (304) 839-1124.

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#### Serving Our Country

Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

#### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.  
Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*