



SAINT MICHAEL'S LITCHFIELD

Nurture Your Spirit

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10 a.m.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Year A

Proper 19

September 13, 2020

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now shall the praises of the Lord be sung;
 For he a most renowned Triumph won:
 Both horse and men into the sea he flung.
 And them together there hath overthrown.
 The Lord is he whose strength doth make me strong
 And he is my salvation and my song:
 My God, for whom I will a house prepare
 My father's God whose praise I will declare.

Words: George Wither (1588-1667)
 Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1628)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**

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 Lessons

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

In exitu Israel

Tonus Peregrinus

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.

SECOND READING: 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."

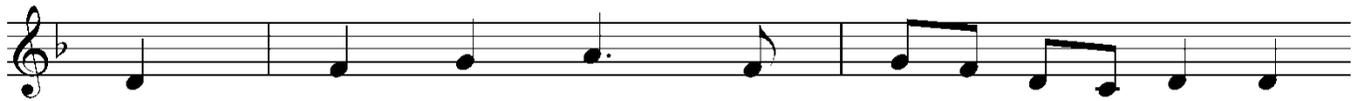
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

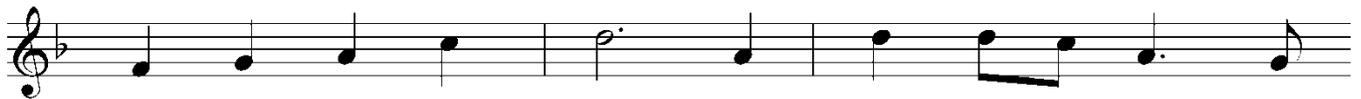
SEQUENCE HYMN 674

"Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Detroit



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.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

Celebrant 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 SERMON

The Reverend Dr. E. Bevan Stanley

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE- FORM IV

Deacon or other leader

The Prayers of the People will be said according to Form IV beginning on page 388 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give strength and wisdom to Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Ian and Laura, our bishops, Bevan, our priest, Amy, our deacon, and to all who minister in the place.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us wisdom and courage to address the sin of racism in ourselves and in our country.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Protect all people threatened with violence anywhere in the world, and give us wisdom to address the bane of gun violence in our country.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Protect and strengthen those serving in the military, including Daniel Tanuis, Jr.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Help us care for people who struggle with hunger and poverty, especially for those who receive food from our Food Pantry. Guide us as see ways to ensure that food is delivered to those who need it.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Especially, we pray this week for Jim, Vanessa & Natasha, Richard & Rosie, Ed & Sara, and Helen & John.

We pray for celebrating their anniversary this week. Peter & Lisa Losee

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Tessa, Ann, Leona, Jimmy, Karen, Mary Beth, Carla, Dick, Mark, Nancy, Patricia, Beth, Shelley, Mary, Anna, Nancy, Marilyn, Joyce, Frank, Marion, Lucas, Lisa, Anne, Christina, Mason, Chris, Allie and Violet; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Heal those infected with the COVID19 virus, protect the medical personnel caring for them, first responders, and all those in essential jobs who provide us the necessities. Give wisdom to our leaders, the President and our Governor, that they would make wise decisions regarding the reopening of businesses and other organizations

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

For teachers, parents, students and administrators as they navigate a safe, supportive and productive school year.

Hear our prayer.

Free those whose lives are affected by addiction, especially those who come to 12-Step meetings here.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give patience and fortitude to caregivers and comfort to those for whom they care.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.”

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS S 128

Holy, holy, holy

Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
 Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
 the sacrifice of his life,
 and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
 Jesus was at table with his friends.
 He took bread, gave thanks to you,
 broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
 "Take, eat:
 This is my Body, which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."
 As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
 Again, he gave thanks to you,
 gave it to them, and said:
 "Drink this, all of you:
 This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
 which is poured out for you and for all
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
 and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
 who was and is and is to come,
 we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
 and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
 that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
 Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
 and make us your new creation,
 the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
 with all your saints,
 from every tribe and language and people and nation,
 to feast at the banquet prepared
 from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 to you be honor, glory, and praise,
 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

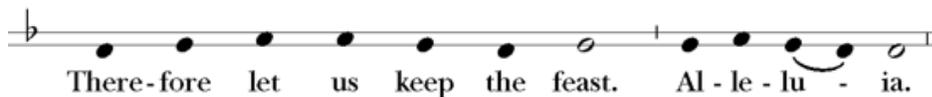
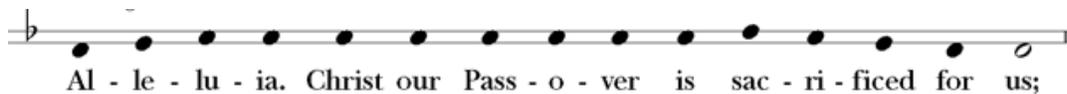
Give us this day our daily bread.

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

At the Name of Jesus
 every knee shall bow,
 every tongue confess him
 King of glory now;
 'tis the Father's pleasure
 we should call him Lord
 who from the beginning
 was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,
 to receive a Name
 from the lips of sinners,
 unto whom he came,
 faithfully he bore it
 spotless to the last,
 brought it back victorious,
 when from death he passed;

In your hearts enthrone him;
 there let him subdue
 all that is not holy,
 all that is not true;
 crown him as your Captain
 in temptation's hour;
 let his will enfold you
 in its light and power.

Text: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)
 Music: Puggy

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Life is short, and we have little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 478

Jesus, our mighty Lord

Monk's Gate

1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness, —
 2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing, —
 3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing, —



the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness; —
 in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing. —
 true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: —



your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;
 You are your - self the Way: lead us then day by day
 all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;



you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.
 in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.
 the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth to live and proclaim the transforming love of God.

People Thanks be to God.

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PARISH PRAYERS

Prayers are asked for:

Tessa Gillardo, Ann McGurk, Leona Zegar, Jimmy Lechman, Mary Beth LaMay, Carla Benson, Dick Been, Mark Johnson, Nancy Zorena, Patricia A. Carrier, Beth Merritt, Shelley King, Mary A., Anna, Nancy, Marilyn, Joyce, Frank, Marion, Lucas, Lisa, Anne, Christina, Mason, Chris, Alie & Violet Fiorello.

For all those serving in the military including Daniel Tanuis, Jr.

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For caregivers and those they care for.

For people who struggle with hunger and poverty, especially for those who receive food from our Food Pantry or the Soup Kitchen, and for those who serve them. For those working to ensure that food is delivered to those who need it.

For protection for all people threatened with violence anywhere in the world.

For the victims of gun violence in our land, and wisdom to address this bane in our common life.

For wisdom and courage to address the sin of racism in ourselves and in our country.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

9/13 Day of Thanksgiving
 9/14 Jim Flint
 9/15 Vanessa & Natasha Flint
 9/16 Richard & Rosie Ripley Furniss
 9/17 Ed & Sara Gadomski
 9/18 Helen Glenn & John Wolfteich
 9/19 Pray for Parish

Anniversaries:

9/15 Peter & Lisa Losee