

Sunday, September 13, 2020

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Liturgical Year A, Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude: Three variations on the tune “St. Thomas”

Raymond H. Haan (b. 1938)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn: “Morning has broken”

#8 *The Hymnal 1982*

Unison or harmony

1 Morning has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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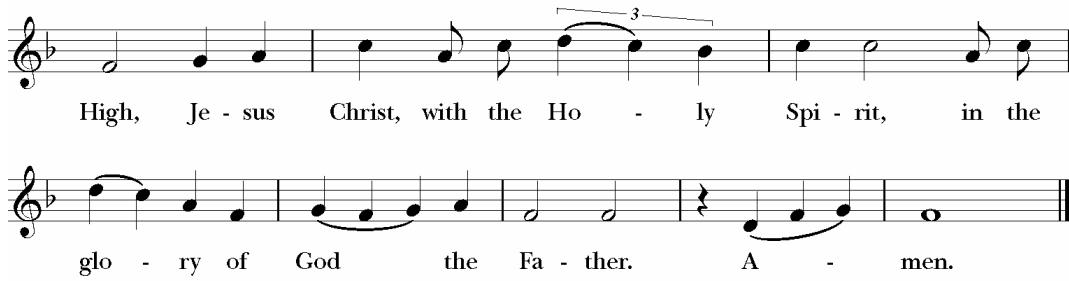
Celebrant & People: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria "Glory to God"

#S-280 *The Hymnal 1982*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Collect of the Day

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: 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: Genesis 50:15-21

Reader: A Reading from the book of Genesis.

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.***

From the Psalms: Psalm 103:1-13

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Reader: Please join in our psalm

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.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Reader: A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.**

All stand.

Hymn: "Gospel Acclamation"

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Holy 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.

Sermon

Fr. Jarred

Nicene Creed

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All stand and together say

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.*

Prayers of the People: Form V

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Reader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

Reader: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Alan & Gayle our own Bishops, for David, Bishop of El Salvador, for Fr. Jarred our priest, for all bishops, priests, and deacons and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and for our continued faithfulness in giving of our time, talents, and resources for the building of Christ’s kingdom, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; especially those who are suffering directly and indirectly from the coronavirus and its economic, physical and emotional effect, and for victims of racial injustice, that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health

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we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For all who have died, for those who have died recently, Joan Russell and Bob Walton, all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially Fredrick Pearson, Craig Weir, and Tom Green, that they have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of Blessed Mary, Paul, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God in a time of silence.

Silence

The Celebrant stands and says

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession & Absolution

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Celebrant & 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 Celebrant 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.***

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

All share signs of Christ's peace.

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

*The offering is taken and the altar is set for the Eucharist as the offertory anthem is sung.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.*

Offertory Anthem: “Forgive our sins as we forgive”

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (1905-1987)

“*Forgive our sins as we forgive, ” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.*

Eucharistic Prayer: Form A

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven 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.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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.*

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Post-Communion: "God is love, and where true love is"

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Refrain

God is love, and where true love is God him-self is there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

Almighty and everliving God,
*we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.*
*And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn: "O bless the Lord, my soul"

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1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Morning has broken"

arranged for piano by John Carter (b. 1930)

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TODAY'S SERVICE LEADERS

Clergy: Fr. Jarred Mercer, Rector

Music Director: Mark Meyer

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Tom Hussey

Lector: Carole Bishop

Cycle of Prayer

Today as we worship we keep in our prayers the ***Parishes of the North Shore Deanery;*** Ascension Memorial Church, Ipswich; St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn; Emmanuel Chapel, Manchester-by-the-Sea; Ministries to the Homeless and in the local cycle of prayer: St. James Episcopal Church, Amesbury.

Prayer List

Person to Pray for and Relationship

Allison Flynn – Niece of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins

Les Johnson – Friend of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins

Eve Steinberg – Friend of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins

Judy Abby – Parishioner

Frances Calkins – Mother of Anne Tuthill

Debby Demopoulos – Sister of Pat Maslen

Marya Toffey – Niece of Ann Winslow

Keetah Life – Parishioner

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Karen & Richard Greene – Family of Wendy Colby

Mark Wise – Friend of Donna Northam

Betty Trowbridge – Friend of Donna Northam

Marie Buckman – Mother of Linda Davis Siess

Walter Blumenscheid – Father of Richard Blumenscheid

Paul Ingalls – Brother of Brad Ingalls

Lois Schofield – Parishioner

Mary Snowdon – Parishioner

Ken Leistler – Friend of Susan Flint

David Sanborn – Brother of Wayne Sanborn

Laura Hobbs – Friend of Susan Flint

Jeanne Rainoldi – Friend of Ann Staffeld

Vikas Chandhoke – Friend of Alison & Peter Novello

Richelle Stephens – Friend of Susan Flint

Statement of Call - St. Paul's Church

St. Paul's is a Christian community where people are met and accepted without judgment for who they are and are adopted into a loving and caring family. Our faith provides a framework within which we explore, honor and celebrate the presence of God in daily experiences, especially in the crises, conflicts and transitions of life, and are thereby equipped to live fully in an increasingly complex and changing world.

We believe we are called to center our life in Jesus Christ through a regular discipline of Eucharistic worship, scripture study and prayer.

We believe our faith leads us to fulfill our mission, which is to share ourselves and our resources with each other, our community and the world.

We believe we are called to discover and affirm our spiritual gifts and be responsible and committed ministers of these gifts in the name of Jesus Christ.

St. Paul's 2020 Vestry

Bronson de Stadler – **Senior Warden**

Ed Winslow – **Junior Warden**

Stu Tuthill – **Treasurer**

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Alison Novello

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This new school year,

I pray for:



and I
thank you
GOD

