



The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 2020

The Service of the Word

Temporary Safety Rules

- ✚ Be joyful, grateful, and blessed!
- ✚ Please wear mask anytime you are not seated in a pew/chair.
- ✚ Bathroom: please only one person in a bathroom at a time.
- ✚ **Communion:** A priest will come through the aisle to distribute bread (host) only. If you wish NOT to receive the bread, simply cross your arms across your chest.

Opening Voluntary: *Samuel Klauss (piano)*

Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever! Amen.***

The 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

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First 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.***

Psalm: *103:8-13* (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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.

Sequence Hymn: "Create In Me a Clean Heart"

*Create in me a clean heart,
Oh God, that I might serve you*

*Create in me a clean heart,
Oh God, that I might be renewed*

So fill me and heal me and bring me back to you

*Create in me a clean heart,
Oh God, that I might serve you*

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Reader 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Fr. Rob Dixon

The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

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 & 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.*

(*Fun Fact: "catholic" means universal)

Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy and universal Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
*That they may be faithful servants to all people in your
name.*

We pray for you to guide all who govern and hold
authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give each of us here today the grace to do your will in all
that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;
*Cover them with the love, peace, and hope of new life in
you.*

We pray for all who have died - *Silence.* Welcome all of
the departed into your eternal kingdom,
And give faith and peace to those who miss them.

We pray for all those on our church's prayer list;
*Fill their lives with the healing power of your loving
Spirit.*

We praise you for all our blessings in this life, especially
for our families, friends, and this church community;
*Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may continue to
receive and be your blessing to the world.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, aloud or
in the silence of our hearts.

The Confession *Altogether*

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 Peace: Welcome & Announcements



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

Offertory: “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

*Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name*

Refrain:

*Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name (Refrain)*

*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name (Refrain)*

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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

Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People ***Christ has died.***

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again..

Communion Hymn: “Take and Eat”

Refrain:

*Take and eat; take and eat:
This is my body given up for you.
Take and drink; take and drink:
This is my blood given up for you.*

*I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be re-born;
I am the bread that comes from heaven above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. (Refrain)*

*I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. (Refrain)*

*I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
You are my flock; you know the shepherd's voice;
You are my own; your ransom is my blood. (Refrain)*

*I am the light that came into the world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the morning star that never sets;
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine. (Refrain)*

Prayer for Grace and Blessing

Loving God, while I cannot receive your Holy Communion at this time, I sincerely ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon me now and upon all of your children. Fill me, sustain me, and lead me with your life-giving Grace and strength, today and forever. *Amen.*

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: “Shalom My Friends”

*Shalom, my friends, Shalom, my friends,
Shalom, shalom. (2X's)*

*Shalom, Chaverim Shalom, Chaverim
Shalom, shalom. (2 X's)*

The Dismissal

Closing Voluntary: “Samuel Klauss (piano)”

Flower Dedications

Your Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Adam, Adam D., Alida, Aly & Baby Logan, Amisha, Amy, Ann, Arlene, Barbara, Beth, Betty, Bob, Brenda, Bryan, Catherine M., Catherine Z., Chip, Cecil, Fr. Chris, Cindy Ba., Cindy Br., Dan, Darlene, David I., Debrah, Dixit, Doug, Drew, Ed S., Ellie, Elsie, Emme, Fred, Grace, Greyson, Jackie, James, Jamie, Jason, Jennifer W., Jessica, Jillian, Joe, Joey, John B., John G., Jonathan, Jordan, Joseph, Judy G., Karen, Keith, Kelly, Ken, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, Laya, Lee, Linda E., Linda M., Luke Allen, Mahmood, Marguerite, MeMelissa, Millie, Neta, Pamela, Parvin, Pat, T., Patrick B., Paula, K., Paula M., Peggy, Polly, Ralph, Robert, Robyne, Ron, Selene, Sherry Jo, Sherry, Sierra, Stacie, Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Teresa L., Terry, Tif, Todd, Tom, Tony, The Collado Family, The Ramirez Family, The Youth, & Wendy

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie

Neville, Jason Wine, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

New Beginnings

Jonathan Davis Simpler, grandson of Susan Karl

Repose of the Soul

Ron Potter
Julie Ruengert
Tarek Patel
Ed Boddy
Rev. John Tarrant
Judy Donaldson
Victims from Hurricane Laura
190,000+ Americans who have died from COVID-19

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