

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 13, 2020

10:00 a.m. Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

On ZOOM

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Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Hymnal #390

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend - thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

(*Special thanks to Ben Gallagher and Adam and Alissa Teachout for the music!)

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture, or with the versicle "Lord, open our lips" on page 80.

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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. *Psalm 43:3*

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The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "Lord, open our lips."

Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

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.**

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The Priest 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 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. Alleluia.**

Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, Venite or Jubilate.

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Venite Psalm 95:1-7

To be read in unison

**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 114 (*starts on the bottom of 756*)

To be read in responsively by whole verse.

Leader: Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

***People:* Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.**

The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

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.**

First Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus, chapter 14, verses 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.**

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Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed *Revelation 15:3 4*

To be read in unison

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**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.**

Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans, chapter 14, verses 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.**

Canticle 20 Glory to God (Hymnal 1982 S-280)

To be sung in unison

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



Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Deacon: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 18, verses 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.”

Deacon: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Kirk Woodliff, Rector

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The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

**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.**

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The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

Suffrage B

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

People: 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 upon 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.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: 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.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life (Page 99)

Officiant: O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission (Page 100)

Officiant: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Special Prayers and Blessings

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51. For a Birthday: *Susanne Byrne, Marc Conley, Greg McVickers*

To be prayed in unison

Watch over thy *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

50. For a Birthday (But we are using it for a **Wedding Anniversary**) (Page 830)

To be read in unison Roger & Robin Towne

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants _Roger and Robin _____ as they begin another year together. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. For the Parish (Page 817) *To be read in unison*

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Search Prayer for the Diocese

To be read in unison

Gracious God, our nurturing and guiding parent, we thank you for our Church and for our family of Churches in our diocese. We ask for your wisdom and direction as we seek a new Bishop for your family. We ask for your guidance especially for the members of our Standing Committee, Search Committee, and Transition Committee as they plan, prepare, and search for a faithful servant who will lead and support us in our ministries. Bless the servant you will bring to us, and give them clear direction in their discernment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III (Page 387)

The Deacon (or other Leader) and People pray responsively.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Silence

Leader: We pray for all members of the Body of Christ especially
For the Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea,
For the Coventry Cross Episcopal Church, Minden,
For the Mountainview Fellowship, Sparks.

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 who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:
We pray for: Michael, our Presiding Bishop;
Jim, our assisting Bishop;
and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for:
Donald, our President;
Steve, our Governor;
Hillary and Ed, our Mayors;
and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation
especially for Seven, Ashton, Cori, _____ and those we now name...

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all those who have died, especially those we now name...

(Pause)

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for the safety of Mark, Bradley, Alex, Suzanne and all the men and women, both in our neighborhoods and worldwide, who with courage wake each day to keep the peace and protect humanity.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (*Short Pause*)

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Officiant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offering

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church PO BOX 737 Sparks, NV 89432

Or online at: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/37265

Hymn: "Lifesong"

*(*Special thanks for Dottie, James, Tricia, Nancy, Holly, and John)*

Empty hands held high, Such a small sacrifice,
If not joined with my life, I sing in vain tonight.

May the words I say and the things I do,
Make my lifesong sing, Bring a smile to you.

CHORUS:

**Let my lifesong sing to you,
Let my lifesong sing to you.
I wanna sign your name to the end of this day
Knowing that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to you.**

Lord I give my life, a living sacrifice
To reach a world in need,
to be your hands and feet.

May the words I say and the things I do,
Make my lifesong sing, Bring a smile to you.

CHORUS

Bridge:
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to you
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to you
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to you

CHORUS

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The General Thanksgiving

Officiant 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

Officiant: 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.**

Then may be said

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Hang around for Virtual Coffee on Zoom