

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Greeting

Reflections

The Word of God

Opening Hymn (listen in silence)

Blue Hymnal 390

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Celebrant 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 (spoken)

Blue Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Collect of the Day:

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

The First Lesson:

With God's blessing and protection, the Hebrew people pass through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom and life; the Egyptians who pursue them are drowned.

A reading from the Book of 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 Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*

Refrain: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord

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.

The Second Lesson: The Epistle

The details of our religious practice are not as important as our self-giving love for one another as God's redeemed people.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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 Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual (spoken)

Red Book 113 (v. 1)

Speak now the word of life, Dear Lord to me,
As once you spoke the word Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord;
My spirit longs for you, The living word!

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

The Gospel: 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.”

Priest Concludes with: The Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual (spoken)

Red Book 113 (v. 2)

Show me the truth concealed Within your word,

That by your book revealed I know you, Lord;

So send your Spirit, now, Dear Lord, to me

That he may touch my eyes And make me see.

The Homily: Rev. Paul Parsons

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 of God, Light of 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 III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic 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 ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray 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.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

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.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.



*St. Luke's Prayer Requests
for the week of September 13, 2020*

*May all congregants and those on the prayer list
receive God's grace this day and throughout 2020*

Illness/Injured/Surgeries

Vicki Pike

Helen Ensrude (Mike's Mom)

The Tem's Family

Linda McPeak

Baby Hutchinson

Carol Thompson (Father David Thompson's Mom)

Don & Nancy Drummond

Loren Elston, Sandy & 12 yo Samuel Barrett (Greg & Janet's
Family)

Eduvijos Rodriquez (Leida's Mother)

Lee & Park Street

David Cross (ALS) and family

Continued Healing & Prayers

Jim & Grace Willson

Mary Chandler (The Ann's Cousin)

David & Karen Crippen & family

Ann Willson

Wilson Begay and family

Kathleen Stocker

Father Wayne & the Proctor Family

Suzane Steele

Sally McQueen & Family

Cathy LoPresti & Family

Emily Trujillo & Family

Neal Johnson & wife Joanne

(Sandra Attebery's Family)

The Rev. Dr. Winnie Mitchell

Lisa Kidwell

The Parson's Dad and Grandson

The Rev. Wendie & Evalds

Jekabsons

Zahara

Hannah Moulton

Shelly Shelly

Maria Thrurn

Billie Jo Hermansson & Family

Colosimo Sisters

Willdra Ruzanski

Confession of Sin

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

(Silence may be kept.)

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.*

Celebrant: 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.

Blessings (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Traveling, Healing)

Offertory: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

***Pledges and Plate can be mailed to POB 208, Westcliffe 81252**

***At St. Luke's offering plates will be in front by the organ and by the back door.**

Doxology (listen in silence)

"Praise God to Whom All Blessings Flow"

Spiritual Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

Agnus Dei (spoken)

Blue Hymnal S158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.
grant - us thy peace.

The Communion Prayer

In union, O Lord,
with the faithful who yearn to gather
at the altar of your Church with the Holy Eucharist,
we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
We present you our souls and bodies
with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you,
and,
since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,
we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart.
We unite ourselves with you,
and embrace you with all the love of our souls.
Let nothing ever separate you from us.
May we live in you,
and may you live in us,
both in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving

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 a truly thankful hearts we may show forth your
praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves 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.*

Closing Hymn (listen in silence)

Blue Hymnal 60

"Great is thy Faithfulness"

Benediction (remain seated)

Dismissal : *Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Announcements