



The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 2020
9:00 am Service

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Centered in God, Focused on Others
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Good Morning and Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church here in Hanover! We are glad you are with joining us online this morning. We pray that worshipping with us will give you a sense of fellowship with Christ and with us as God's people. If you would like more information about St. Andrew's, please email office@standrewshanover.org

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE GLORIA

1. Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those who love Him well:
2. On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our sins a - way,

On the earth let all His peo - ple speak His praise, His won - ders tell!
Now with him in tri - umph sea - ted, for your mer - cy, Lord, we pray

Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry, migh - ty Fa - ther, hea - ven's king;
Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly, Sa - vior, you are God a - lone,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 14:19-31**

A Reading from the book of Exodus

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people respond with the words in ***bold italics.***

Psalm: **Psalm 114**

Hallelujah!

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

***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.***

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

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Reverend Kevin Holland Sparrow

***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 IV

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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.

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.

The people respond with the words in ***bold italics***.

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially those on our Prayer List and others we name now either silently or aloud; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Joe Belmosto, Liam, and others we now name either silently or aloud, 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.

Guide and nurture those on our Diocesan Prayer List: Ascension Memorial Church, Ipswich; St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn; Emmanuel Chapel, Manchester-by-the-Sea; and all Ministries to the Homeless

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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.***

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.***

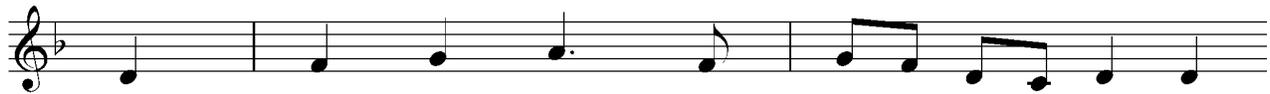
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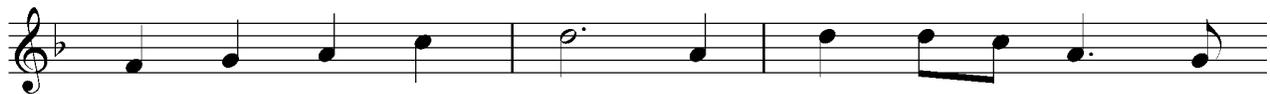
OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offertory Hymn #674

Forgive our sins as we forgive



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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

The people respond with the words in ***bold italics***.

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, 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.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

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

***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

Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrifice for us

Therefore Let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament this morning, I invite you to join with me in this prayer for a spiritual Communion.

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day. I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by our life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

***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 people respond with the words in **bold italics**.

BLESSING

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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This service has been conducted in accordance with the diocesan guidelines for worship with careful attention to social distancing. We look forward to the time when we all can come together for worship.

Special thanks to our schola cantorum (small choir) for providing music ministry this morning. The schola is comprised of a cross section of our existing choir, who are on a rotation to provide sung music each week for the foreseeable future. We have reduced the full choir to a small schola in order to comply with diocesan guidelines.

PRAYER LIST - If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please email or call the office. Please remember to keep these people in your daily prayers:

Carroll & Sue, Claire & Don, Zack, Nancy, Bev, Beth, Steven, Susan, Winston, Hawk & Matthew, Karen, Erin Kate, Leah, Sophia, James & Judith, Lula Mae, Pam, AJ, Paul, Rich, Florence, Jamie, Janet M., Gayle, Jennifer, Tim, Katrina, Boppy, Delores, Ben, the Brennan Family, Sarah, Julie, Jackson, Eileen & Larry, Gerry, Michele, Jenn & family, Andrea & Rick, Elizabeth, David, Coleman & Phyllis, Ken & Barbie, Gary, Phyllis, Meredith, the Howe family, Fr. Kevin, Bill, Frank, and the Belmosto family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH DIRECTORY A lot has happened since the spring (which is an understatement), but we are still working on the new parish directory. If you have not already done so, please send in your name, address, and occupation (if you wish) to office@standrewshanover.org We hope to have copies available soon!