

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2020

9:30 AM Rite II



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Wherever you are on your journey with God or toward God, you are welcome here.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

A Strong Tower

Cindy Berry

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

Lift High the Cross

The gathered assembly is invited to read along with the hymn but communal singing is not permitted at this time.



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where the Mas - ter trod, Our
2. Led on their way by this tri - um-phant sign, The
3. Each new - born fol - l'wer of the Cru - ci - fied Bears
4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo-rious tree, Your
5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise



King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

D.C.

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912. and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt.
Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947
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Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

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.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

First Reading: *Genesis 50:15-21*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 103:1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.**

He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

**He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-12

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand.

Chanted by the song leader alone

Chant, Mode VI.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Sermon

The Rev. Brian Raiche

The 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 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

Presider: God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Let us turn to God at the beginning of this school year.

For students as they begin this new school year, that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, safety and protection. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For teachers and educators, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience and concern for their students, Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For parents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to us always. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For school administrators, that they safeguard the health of all teachers and students during this time of pandemic. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially Nancy Lindgren and for those whom we now name before you (*You are invited to offer your own intentions aloud or silently*). Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For those in our parish family who are celebrating birthdays: Adam DeBrigard, Jim Martinelli, Stephen Needham, Janet Sorter, Donald Stapleton, Mary Vincent and the wedding anniversary of Dana and Kevin Delano, Louise and Wayne Hetherington, Kristian and Marc LeBlanc, Mary Beth and Shaun Neville, Erica and Randall Palm and in thanksgiving for Bill in who's name the altar flowers are given. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially loved ones of the Sands family in who's name the altar flowers are given. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Presider: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon: 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.**

Presider: 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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The peace should be exchanged without physical contact. A head bow or wave is appropriate.

Please remain standing.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Invitation:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Preparation of the Table

Hymnal #380, v. 3

If you did not place your offering in the plate as you entered, you may do so as you depart the church.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all 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.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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**

Fraction

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for a Holy People.

Spiritual Communion

Recited by those gathered at home:

My 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)

Communion

The gathered assembly is invited to receive communion in one kind- the bread only. The cup will not be shared. The ushers will direct you forward. Please do not form a line in the aisle. One household will come forward at a time.

The host will be placed in your hand. Please step to the right to the space marked on the altar rail. You may lift your mask to consume the host. If you touch the rail (for balance, etc.) there is hand sanitizer on the way back to your pew.

If you are not comfortable receiving communion, you may remain in the pew, or come forward for a blessing only.

All are welcome to receive communion in this Church.

Communion Song

All Who Hunger

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

Please Stand

People: 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.

Blessing of Teachers and Students

Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways.

Look upon these students. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their studies during the challenges of our times. Give them the desire to learn all things well.

Look upon these teachers and educators. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience as they adapt to new technologies and demands placed upon them. Protect them from harm and spare them from COVID.

Any may Almighty God bless us all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymnal #376

The gathered assembly is invited to read along with the hymn but communal singing is not permitted at this time.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Song of Joy

Norman Warren

Please be seated for the Postlude.

The ushers will dismiss the assembly beginning from the front to the back.

GOOD SHEPHERD RE-OPENING CONCERT

September 13th at 4:00 PM



Tom and Joyce Callaghan were the high bidders at our recent Auction for the “Virtual Concert” by Rev. Brian and Loren Lee. They have graciously decided to share the concert with our community as part of our “Re-Opening Sunday.” This 30 Minute concert will be brought to you via Facebook. The program will be light popular music.

Join us on Facebook as we live stream the concert:

www.facebook.com/cgsreading/live/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Wednesdays at Good Shepherd”: Gathering via Zoom at 7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7819441572> Meeting ID: 781 944 1572

Sunday Service now on RCTV, NORCAM and WCTV: Our Sunday service will now be aired on RCTV Studio (RCTV), North Reading Cable Access & Media (NORCAM) and Wilmington Community Television (WCTV). You can find the broadcast on the following channels (check websites for schedules):

RCTV: Comcast Channel 9, Verizon Channel 31

NORCAM: Comcast Channel 8, Verizon Channel 26

WCTV: Comcast Channel 99, Verizon Channel 39

For Your Prayers This Week: Nancy Lindgren, Sandi Meryerhofer, Wayne Johnson, Pat O'Donnell, Alyn Vespucci, Ray Fraser, Tom Parr, Mark Fedorchuck, George Kloss, Bill Webb, Mary Dilworth, Gloria Graves, Jeffrey Gates, Bev D'Arrigo, Carlo Esidore, Leo Hutchings, Sandy Rossini, Jacob Cote, Kathy Jeffrey, Linda Johnnene, Joan and Arthur Paradis, Jake Torrissi

Book of Remembrance: Jeanette Chandler, Norman Lander, Robert Adams, Dennis Trumpess, Dick Curtis, Rupert Ines, Paul Preston, Edith French, Barbara Lee, Mary Mineau, Earle "Cliff" Livingstone Jr., Charlotte Swain, Dana Hill

Altar Flowers: Given for the glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones by the Sands Family and in thanksgiving for Bill by the Dyer family

Sanctuary Lamp: Given for the glory of God and in loving memory of the people of Good Shepherd

Birthdays: Adam DeBrigard, Jim Martinelli, Stephen Needham, Janet Sorter, Donald Stapleton, Mary Vincent

Wedding Anniversaries: Dana and Kevin Delano, Louise and Wayne Hetherington. Kristian and Marc LeBlanc, Mary Beth and Shaun Neville, Erica and Randall Palm

Today's Lay Ministers in Liturgy: Leslie McGovern, Lector
Martha Wishart and Dave McDonald, Ushers

RE-GATHERING GUIDELINES

Please remain home if any of the following apply:

- You are experiencing any symptoms such as fever (100.0 and above) or chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle/body aches, runny nose/congestion, new loss of taste or smell, or nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- You have had “close contact” with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19. “Close contact” means living in the same household as a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, caring for a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, being within 6 feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more, or coming in direct contact with secretions (e.g., sharing utensils, being coughed on) from a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, while that person was symptomatic
- You have been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by your doctor or a local public health official.
- You are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 according to the Centers for Disease Control (e.g., due to age or underlying conditions).

Should you choose to attend on-site worship:

- You will be required to wear a mask that covers both your mouth and your nose. No exceptions. If you are unable to wear a mask, our service is live-streamed on FaceBook and is available on YouTube and Cable TV.
- Proper Social Distancing (6 feet) must be maintained at all time. Please do not congregate before or after the service. This will be a challenge as we are a social community!
- Communal singing is not allowed. Singing has been shown to be a high-risk activity.
- You may appear in our livestream-broadcast of the Eucharist.

PARISH LEADERSHIP AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The Rev. Brian Raiche, Rector
The Rev. Pete Jeffrey, Deacon in Residence
Alice Johnson Hannon, Music Director
Carolyn Hoy, Parish Administrator

Jane Farrar, *Senior Warden*; Robert Newton, *Junior Warden*;
Ruby Cox, *Treasurer*; Marc LeBlanc, *Clerk*
Vestry Members: Robert Christian, Petra Conboy, Spencer Dalby,
Peter Gorman, Barbara Luddy, Sumi Sinnatamby,
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The “Virtual” Office is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 AM—3:00 PM
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Calendar:

Sunday

Livestream Eucharist on
Facebook at 10:00 am

Coffee Hour via Zoom at
11:00 AM

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday

9:30 AM — 3:30 PM

Friday 9:30 AM — 1:30 PM

Closed Tuesday &
Thursday

Mondays

Staff Meeting via Zoom at
10:00 AM

Wednesdays at Good Shepherd

Gathering via Zoom at
7:00 PM

Sunday, September 13th

Good Shepherd Re-Opening
Concert at 4:00 PM

Tuesday, September 15th

Vestry Meeting via Zoom at
7:00 PM

Sunday, September 20th

Sign Making Fundraiser

Sunday, October 4th

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Blessing of the Animals at
11:30 AM