

St. Charles Episcopal Church

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Rite II , Prayer A, Track 1



HOLY COMMUNION

15th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19
September 13, 2020

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Voluntary

Now that the Daylight Fills the Sky

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

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

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Collect for Purity

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. BCP 355

People: Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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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:

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 114

In exitu Israel

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 Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ. † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

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 Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Stacy Walker

Meditation Song

You Are My King
Jim Hari, Guitar

Billy James Foote

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.

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Prayers of the People (Form III)

During the silences we may offer our private concerns and prayers to God.

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

People: That we all may be one.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

(Silence for intercessions.)

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Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

Confession of Sin

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

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Silence for personal reflection.

All: **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. BCP360

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.
People: **Amen.** BCP360

Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.** BCP360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

Offertory Music: Herzlich Lieb Hab Ich Dich
I Love You with All My Heart Gottfried Kirchof (1685-1746)
Kathy Heikkinen, Viola

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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 our God.

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

Celebrant: 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in the world. 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: BCP361

All: 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.

BCP362

Celebrant: 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:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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Celebrant: 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 forever.

All: AMEN.

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Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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Communion

**Distribution of Home Communion elements from 11AM to 11:30AM in rear parking lot. Please wear a mask, stay in your car, and wait for the minister to bring items to you. Please take communion home to reverently consume.*

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

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Blessing

Celebrant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

People: Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Variation and Toccata on *Laudate Dominum*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Guidelines for Re-Entering our Church Building

If you are not feeling well, are running a fever, or have been exposed to someone showing symptoms of Covid19, we kindly ask that you refrain from entering the building.

Everyone entering the sanctuary must wear a mask. Face coverings are available for those who do not have them.

Everyone entering the sanctuary must do so via the main front door, or via the ramp and its entrance. At the end of the service, everyone will exit the building via the back door. Ushers will be available to assist with safe entrance and exit to ensure appropriate distance is maintained.

Prayer books, hymnals, bibles, pens, and information cards have been removed from the pews so there are fewer surfaces to touch.

All greetings should be non-contact, please refrain from shaking hands and hugging.

At this time, please refrain from singing as this contributes to spreading the virus.

One restroom will be available for emergency use, but we respectfully ask that you attend to personal matters prior to your arrival so as to minimize the need for additional sanitation measures.

Please do not flush sanitizing wipes, we kindly ask that you dispose of them in the trash cans only.

Hand sanitizer, tissue and waste baskets are available as needed.

There will be no fellowship time, and no food/beverage will be available.