

Sunday September 13, 2020

15th after Pentecost

Year A

Ante-Communion

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

(Matthew 16.16)

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant *Almighty God,*

All **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may return to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from the book Exodus (Chapter 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 **The word of the Lord.**
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103: 1-13

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant

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

God of infinite mercy and forgiveness, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus your Son, wash away our sins and deliver us from our infirmities of body and spirit, that we may live with him his risen life, to the praise and glory of your holy name

Reader

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (14:1-12)

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling 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 judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement 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 honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour 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 judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement 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.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

Celebrant

The Lord be with you

All

And also with you.

Officiant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller

Then 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."

Gospeller
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The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant
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Let us confess our faith, as we say,
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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;
All **For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community of Lakefield, our country, and the world;
All **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
All **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
All **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Intercessor For Andrew, Bishop of Toronto; for Ryscilla, Bishop of Trent Durham Area and for all bishops and other ministers;
All For all who serve God's Church.

Intercessor In silence, let us pray our own needs and those of others.
All *Silence is kept*
Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
All *Silence is kept*
We will exalt you, O God our king; And praise your name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
All *Silence is kept*
Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them, who

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant
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 neighbours 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant

The God of love who calls you, guide you this day and always: God's might uphold you, God's love enfold you, God's peace empower you; and the blessing of God almighty: father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

Amen