

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LITURGY OF THE WORD RITE II

September 13, 2020

9:30 A.M.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC 'Blessed Assurance' – Phoebe Palmer Knapp, arr. Mark Hayes
Gail Roe, pianist

OPENING HYMN Hymn 482 – 'Lord of all hopefulness' – Slane

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Celebrant
People

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

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

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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant and People

***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.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

Reader 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 103:(1-7), 8-13 *Benedic, anima mea*

- 1 [Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

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

SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Anthem "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" – Calvin Hampton
Cissy Whitehurst, soloist

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

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."

Celebrant The word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

The Rev. Vivian Shelby

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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

The Leader and People pray responsively

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.

Silence

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. Keep safe those serving in the Military and First Responders: Cole, James, Rob, RE, Michael, Peyton and Jessica and all staff at local hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Ricky, Shirley, Ashley, Clyde, Gary, Chance, Daniel, Deandra, Elizabeth, Joe, Grace, Chris, Cary, Linda and Gary W. and those on our parish prayer list, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Pat, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Celebrant and People

***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.

People ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & CELEBRATIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

**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.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN Hymn 674 - 'Forgive our sins as we forgive' – Detroit

“Forgive our sins as we forgive” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew,
how small the debts men owe to us, how great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;
then, reconciled to God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Announcements

- ♦ **Virtual Coffee Hour.** This **Sunday from 11a-12p** on Zoom. Come and “see” everyone you’ve been missing! We will gather virtually to get updates on everyone. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87998117939?pwd=YUJ2TVNKVVhoVUVrNTMvcjhlh0VyUT09>
Meeting ID: 879 9811 7939
Passcode: 024258
- ♦ **Back to School Prayers.** Join Rev. Vivian at **McAdams Jr High** (11415 Hughes Rd), Sunday **September 13 at 2p.** While school online has already begun, over 15 area churches will be gathering on behalf of the community to do what they do best - Pray! On Sunday, area churches will gather to pray in the parking lot of area schools. ***Staying their cars for safety, they will pray for all impacted by going back to school in Texas City, La Marque and Dickinson schools.***
- ♦ The Episcopal Church; who are we? How did we get to where we are today? Did we really get started to satisfy the lusts of Henry VIII? How is Joseph of Arimathea connected to our story? We'll answer these and many other questions in a series of sessions on the **History of the Episcopal Church.** We'll meet by Zoom (using Holy Trinity Zoom link) at **11 o'clock for six or seven Sundays beginning September 20.** (Sept. 20,27, Oct. 4, Nov. 1,8,15, and 22 if requested). Feel free to attend any or all sessions. Please call or write with any questions to Nick Roe at a.nick.roe@gmail.com or 281-660-7513.

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Financial Overview

Even though we have not been able to gather on the campus for the past (almost) six months, our expenses have not gone away. In line with our policy of transparency, here are the July financials presented to the Vestry by the finance committee.

July budgeted income: \$15,851	actual income: \$12,715	under-funded by: \$3,136
July budgeted expenses: \$21,792	actual expenses: \$27,758	over budget by: \$5,966

Year-to-date we are underfunded by \$31,328 which is on track for the budgeted underfunding of \$61,000. Our savings balance is \$166,085.

Expense overage is due to a 3rd payroll in July. The staff is paid every two weeks, so this means there are two months during the year that an extra payroll occurs.

Income under-funding is due to lower donation. Whether you normally pledge or make a regular plate donation, if you are able, please continue making those donations, either on-line or by mail to PO Box 1202, Dickinson TX 77539-1202.

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**Please keep the following brothers and sisters in your prayers
throughout the coming week:**

Ricky, Shirley, Ashley, Clyde, Gary, Chance, Daniel, Deandra, Elizabeth, Joe, Grace, Chris, Cary,
C, Linda and Gary W , Joe, Liz, Beverly, LaNelle , Kim, Denise, Andrew, Elle, Curt, Greg, Vicki,
Randal, Chris, Zayden, Melinda, Brandon, John, Rachael, Mike, Judy, Bridgett, Donald, Charles,
Betty, Gary S. Lela, Sheila, Laurie, Mike, Janis, Cade and PeeWee.

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