



# Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

Seek God. Love one another. Serve Others.



**Sunday, September 13, 2020-Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:00 A.M. In the Courtyard**

**10:15 A.M. Online**

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**A Liturgy of the Word**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2020**  
*Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Patrick J. Skutch*

**Prelude**

Balm in Gilead

Traditional

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Opening Acclamation**

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

*People:* ***And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

**Hymn of Praise - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation"**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation:  
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*Presider:* ***And also with you.***

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*A moment of silent prayer is observed*

*The Presider prays the Collect of the Day and the People respond*

*Presider:* 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.***

## The First Reading

**Exodus 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

*People:* ***Thanks be to God***

*A period of silent reflection follows the reading.*

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People:* ***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.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

## **The Homily**

*Father Patrick*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*After each petition, the Leader and People pray: We pray to you, / Christ, have mercy*

*Leader:* We offer our prayers to you, O Christ Our Savior, for the church and for all of creation, saying, Christ, have mercy.

*Leader:* For the Church; for Jeffrey, our Bishop, and for all the people of God, that we may proclaim the good tidings of redemption and release, and that may share with abundance the mercy we have received, we pray to you,

*People:* **Christ, have mercy**

*Leader:* For cities and towns across this nation in this time of upheaval and unrest; that your peace may prevail with righteousness in our hearts and on our streets, we pray to you,

*People:* **Christ, have mercy**

*Leader:* For the sick, Lord Christ, that you would tend them; for the dying, that you would bless them, for the weary, that you would give them rest, for the suffering, that you would soothe them; for Bill Davidson, Marcia Higgins, Karen Steiger, and Rebecca Wood, we pray to you,

*People:* **Christ, have mercy**

*Leader:* For those we love but see no longer, that they may be received as citizens of your Kingdom; for Stanley Zywiciel and Dorothy Carpenter, we pray to you,

*People:* **Christ, have mercy**

*Leader:* We bring before you, Lord Christ, the concerns and needs and fears of this present hour, that we may know the strength of your abiding presence, and that we may not lose hope in the face of our trials.

*The people may offer prayers for any who have asked for them, or are in need of them, either silently or aloud.*

*The Leader concludes with a Collect*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

Hymn- “O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling..”

*Tidings*

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,  
to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should fail to know his love and might.

*Publish glad tidings:  
tidings of peace  
tidings of Jesus,  
redemption and release.*

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,  
and died on earth that all might live above.

*Refrain*

Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious;  
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious  
till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day.

*Refrain*

He comes again! O Zion, ere thou meet him,  
made known to every heart his savings grace;  
let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him,  
though thy neglect, unfit to see his face.

*Refrain*

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider:* May we pray in the words our Savior taught us:

*People:* ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

## The Blessing

*The Presider prays this or a similar blessing on the people.*

*Presider:* Let love be genuine. Hold fast to what is good. Love one another with mutual affection. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Bless those who persecute you. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *(from Romans 12)*

*People:* ***Amen.***

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