



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
September 13, 2020

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People: And blessed be God's reign, 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. *Amen.*

Song of Praise

The following is said, all standing

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.

The 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. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Exodus 14:19-31

The people sit.

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.

Psalm 114

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.**

The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

The Gospel of the Lord

Matthew 18:21-35

All stand.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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],

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

All remain standing.

Rejoice in the waters of life, those who honor God in all things, and raise your voices in prayer, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

In thanksgiving for this holy day where we gather as a household of faith to hear the word of God with open minds and grateful hearts; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the arms of forgiveness that embrace us in the midst of our sin, leading us to repentance, and filling us with the waters of mercy through which we will forgive others; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For honesty in government, and integrity in our dealings with one another, that trust may be restored between people and throughout the institutions of our society; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may commit ourselves to a life of simplicity, so that we may provide for the needs of the poor and hungry, as Jesus provided nourishment and hope to his followers; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may share our spiritual doubts with one another, convinced that in our mutual self-disclosure we will be strengthened in faith and grow in the conviction that God's love can forgive all things and transforms all life; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who are teachers and catechists in our Church; may they be given the blessing of knowledge and wisdom, as they bear the Christian message to those in their charge; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the dead may be redeemed from the grave, and wear the crown of eternal life; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Miriam sang to the Lord for all the glorious gifts her people had received, and so we join with her in continuing our prayers.

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. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sins

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 our Savior 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.*

The Priest stands and says

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 Holy Communion

Offertory

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Proper Preface

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 all 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:

Celebrant and People:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant:

*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 Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



TRINITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Stewardship: Trinity would like to thank everyone for who has continued to fulfill their pledges during this uncertain time. Your generosity and selflessness have helped us to continue to serve our community in love and faith.

September is Trinity's month to collect food for ACTC (Assistance Center of Towson Churches). ACTC is in need of canned green beans and tomatoes, macaroni and cheese and cereal. You can drop food items off on Sunday's at our Welcome Table or to Cathy Evans at the church Mondays (1-3pm) and Thursdays (12-2pm). Our community needs us now more than ever. Let's show them we're here!

Beatitudes for All Ages: Beginning today, September 13 *and ending just before Advent*, Trinity's Christian Formation will focus on the Beatitudes. This curriculum comes from Illustrated Ministries, which includes an imaginative, detailed illustration for each of the 12 Bible verses that comprise the Beatitudes. Adults and children can color as they listen to and talk about the lessons. Look for more information in our upcoming September newsletter and online soon!

Brown Bag Bible Study starting tomorrow, September 17! We are moving Bible Study to Thursday, 12-1 pm on Zoom. Grab a sandwich and your Bible to join in a discussion of weekly lectionary readings. The meeting information is available on our website or by contacting the office.

Wednesday Night Live Evening Prayer with Sykes & Wiley returns on September 16! Find the duo live at 6pm on YouTube @ Trinity Church Towson.

November 3, 2020 – General Election Voter Registration Deadlines & Important Dates

- October 13: Deadline for voter registration. If using the on-line system, the deadline is 9:00 pm.
- October 20: Deadline to request a ballot by mail (received by)
- October 26: Start of early voting
- November 2: Last day of early voting

For more 2020 election information, visit the [Maryland State Board of Elections website](#).
Have questions or need more information? Call 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)!

TRINITY PRAYERS

Intercessory prayer “is a profound, loving, and costly holding up of others who are on our hearts before God. True intercession is being with God, with the people on our hearts.”

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE

Please help us keep our list up to date by contacting the office when you or someone you know is in need of prayer, and by also letting us know when special prayers are no longer needed.

We pray for those with immediate needs for non-COVID reasons:

Meghan DeMallie, John Donahue Sr, Corey Dregier, Marjorie & Richard Eckerd, Jack Gillett (grandson), Chip Haigh, Alexandra Harrington, James Haugh, Catherine Hogg, Ann Johnson, Linda Monk, Duncan Plancon, Chris Price, Deacon Emeritus Bob & Mary Beth, Michael Shaw, Loretta Stade, Harry Sykes, Andrea Thompson, Donna Torres, Fred Webber, Mary Gillett Williams, David Wizer and Jim Thierer.

We pray for those with long-term needs:

Phoebe Bacon, Pat Blake, June Burgess, Ilene Clarkson, Betty Denison, Ann & Ken Eder, Marina Gavrelis, Mini Gillett, Dottie Hagan, Betsy Hughes, Dick & Gini Patterson, Mary Reedy, Francis Schultz, Dixie Shelhoss, Sandy Simon, Ruth Stahl, Nancy Sword, Jim & Phyllis Weatherly, Ebbie Wheeler and Pat Wolf.

We offer special prayers for: Our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico.

We pray for our students attending college/university:

Stephanie Anderson, Charlie Bouloukos, Zenden Cole, Zac Eldridge, Bridget Flynn, Maddie Grable, Alexandra Harrington, Drew Hauber, Heather Hinson, Tommy King, Thomas Lewis, Mason Miller-Breetz, Walker Miller-Breetz, Rehema Mwaisela, Sarah Oliver, Hannah Preston, Danielle Rolle, Emma Riggs, Darah Schillinger, Thomas “TJ” Smoot, Annie Swindell, JP Woodward, Kiely Woodward, Andrew Jenkins, Mason Ayotte and Clair Krisanda.

We pray for those serving in our military: Jordan Clark

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Bryan Dougan, Michael Close, James Miskimon and Claude Rader.

And for the repose of the soul of Katie Turner.

The Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church, Towson

Richard Dougan, *Senior Warden*
Jack Gillett, *Treasurer*

Greg Gabell, *Junior Warden*
Joel Moore, *Registrar*

Trinity Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Henrietta L. Wiley, Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Elizabeth Masterson, Associate Priest
The Rev. Robert S. Runkle, Deacon Emeritus
Kathleen Capcara, Lay Associate for Parish Life
Jill Dumser, Administrator
Jennifer Korczakowski, Business Manager
Luis Tejeda, Sexton
Amanda Dean, Director of Trinity Episcopal Preschool
Erin K. Woodward, Director of Surprise Shop Volunteers
Office Phone: (410) 823-3588

For pastoral emergencies please call

Mother Rhetta at 443-470-5539