



*St. David's Episcopal Church  
and School  
Ashburn, VA*



*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 10:00AM ONLINE SERVICE

Prelude "The Blessing" *Carnes, Brown, Jobe, and Furtick*

Welcome

Opening Song "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Lobe den Herren* Hymn 390

**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 breath, join with Abraham's seed to adore him!  
Let the "amen" sum all our praises again;  
now as we worship before him.**

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

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

**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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

**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.**

Psalm 114

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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 Second 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.**

Sequence Song

*"Forgive Our Sins" Herklots*

**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:  
what trivial debts are owed to us;  
how great our debt to you!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love  
our lives will spread your peace.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Mary Kay Brown

The Nicene Creed

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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 III

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

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

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Heavenly Father, hear the cries of those who feel powerless and invisible, whose lives are threatened by the legacy of slavery and institutional racism—help us create a church and a nation that embraces the hopes and fears of oppressed people of color and bring this legacy to an end.

**God of Justice, hear our prayer.**

O God our refuge and strength, we offer our prayers for all affected by the coronavirus. Bless health care workers with courage, rest and protection. Strengthen all those who care for others. Heal those who are sick, and give them hope. Comfort and sustain those who grieve, especially those who are alone.  
**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

Concluding Collect

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

**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.**

Absolution

The Peace  
Announcements

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Benediction

Closing Song

*"Testify to Love" Van Manen/Riekerk/Field/Pool, Jr.*

All the colors of the rainbow,  
all the voices of the wind,  
every dream that reaches out,  
that reaches out to find where love begins.

Every word of every story,  
every star in every sky,  
every corner of creation  
lives to testify.

For as long as I shall live,  
I will testify to love.  
I'll be a witness in the silences  
when words are not enough.  
With every breath I take,  
I will give thanks to God above.  
For as long as I shall live, I will testify to love.

From the mountains to the valleys,  
from the rivers to the sea,  
every hand that reaches out,  
every hand that reaches out to offer peace.

Every simple act of mercy,  
every step to kingdom come,  
every hope in every heart,  
will speak what love has done.

For as long as I shall live,  
I will testify to love.  
I'll be a witness in the silences  
when words are not enough.  
With every breath I take,  
I will give thanks to God above.  
For as long as I shall live, I will testify to love.

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Dismissal

Join us for a backpack blessing in the St. David's parking lot today at 1:00 p.m. Details are on our website <https://www.sdlife.org/news.html>

Prayer List:

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: Colgate, Mary, John, Cinda, Carol, Chris, Jeanne, Abby, Ken, the Ginieczki family, Lou, Cindy, Bob, Kelly, Ismael, Myron Ross, Eliza, Lois, Chris, Anne, Carol, Elizabeth, Jemre, Tom, Steve, Marlene and all those being prayed for by our prayer teams.

We pray for those who have died: Bill, Bern, Donald, Carol Jean, Lance, Charlene, Lynn, Orit, Paul, Joel, Wayne and Bonnie; and those who have lost a loved one through death: the Cross family, the McDonald family, the Bonifant family, the Sartelle family, the Bidwell family, the Decker family, the Kellen family, the Mercy family, and the Whiting family, the Murphy family, the Gardner family, the Hill family.

We pray for our clergy, vestry, ministries, church staff, school staff, parents, and children.

Loving God, we pray for all those who are affected by the coronavirus pandemic. We pray for those who are ill and those who are anxious. We especially pray for all health care workers and first responders who are putting their lives on the line to care for us: Ed Puccio, Anne Brown, Kondeh Greaves, Kelly Hayes, Sarah, Haley, David, Dave, Ted W., Jackie Hindi, Mark Mangilit, Crystal Garnett, Latonya Daniels, Monica Preval, Michelle Rowe, Robert Gore, Marie Normil, Mashawn Parker, Hantz Joseph, Rhonda Grant, Lupe Guerrero-Nabavi, Janice Chapman Smith, Arlene Blackett-James, Tinea Savage, Annette Crossan, Paula Williams, Nicole Mansfield, Matt Blair, Jason Shelton, Susan Norman. Keep them in your loving embrace. Keep them safe and strong. Be our strong rock, oh Lord, our shelter in the storm, our firm foundation. Draw us closer to one another and to you. Help us to trust your promises and live as people of hope.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.