

The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

9:30am ~ Liturgy of the Word with Amazing Grace ~



~From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.~

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Announcements:	David Montgomery
Attendance:	Margaret Hummel

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

For the Episcopal Church USA: Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Alan Gates and Gayle Harris, our Bishops, Ascension Memorial Church, Ipswich, St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn, Emmanuel Chapel, Manchester-by-the-Sea, and Ministries to the Homeless.

PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

September 2020: James Clark, Jeanne Balcom, Casey Nichols, Esther, Susanna and David Lee, Alice Kast, Margaret Lewis, Michelle Zlomek, Albert Mueller, Elise Ware, Lynda Winkowski, Kathy Brothets, Ed Winkowski, Roger Blake, Deane Buckley, Sebastian Coyle, Maureen Bruce, Hanna Johnson, Joan Musial, Tommy Foley, John Yuskas, Mary Miller, Tom Melideo, Abby McGregor, and Keith Hatfield.

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OPENING HYMN

Because He Lives

LEVAS#43

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus; He came to love,
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's fi -

1. heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
 2. and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -
 3. - nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

1. par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 2. sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
 3. vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He lives

(Continued)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Because He Lives". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some chords and rests.

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OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant: Blessed Be the One, Holy and Living God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Officiant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

GLORIA

WLP#784

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

Fine

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am
 Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"
 do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." *D.C.*

Section: Praise Title: Hallelujah! We sing your praises! [*Haleluya! Pelo tso rona*] Meter: Irr. Words: South African
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: Christ is with you.

All: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God of time and space, you call us to discern your presence in the world: grant us wisdom to perceive you, grant us courage to work with you, grant us power to proclaim you, above all grant us a heart to love you; through Jesus Christ, who is alive and loves with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE HEBREW BIBLE

Exodus 14:19-31

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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. 31 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: Hear What the Spirit is saying to God's people

All: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalm 114

1. Alleluia! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2. Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel God's 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 God,
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 EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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: Hear What the Spirit is saying to God's people

All: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN

Bless the Lord My Soul

WLP #825

Musical score for 'Bless the Lord My Soul' in 4/4 time, G major. The score consists of two systems of vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name. Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.'

Section: Spiritual Songs Title: Bless the Lord my soul Words: Psalm 103 Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) Reprinted under Onelicense.net. #A-714071.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*

Musical score for 'Gospel Acclamation' in 4/4 time, G major. The score consists of a single line of vocal melody. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Christ**

Then Peter came and said to him, '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 should 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 should 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.'

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

The Rev. Michael Bousquet

STATEMENT OF FAITH *(read out loud by the LEM)*

**We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,
we put our trust in God;
and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves,
in the service of others,
to seek justice, and to live in peace;
to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness;
to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love.
And in the company of the faithful we will be the church,
a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,
for the glory of God alone.**

Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(please stand or kneel)*

All Sing: *Here we stand; opening our hearts to you;
Hear our prayer, and keep us close.*

One: God of wondrous surprises, you call us
from the boundaries of our tradition to new ways of being church
from the captivities of our culture to creative witness for justice
from the limits of our horizons to the infinity of your vision.
We pray for the mission of your church, for all clergy and lay people, that we may
humbly and faithfully serve you. We pray for Christians and other religious
minorities being persecuted for their faith in the Middle East and elsewhere. We
pray for all who govern and hold authority in the power structures of this world,
and in this community, that we seek and work to honor our pledge to pursue and
ensure liberty and justice for all. And we pray for all teachers as we begin a new
season of learning that they might inspire new curiosities and hopes in our
community.

All: **Clear the Way in us that we might call others to freedom and renewed faith.**

One: Jesus, wounded healer, you call us
from preoccupation with ourselves to engagement in the lives of others,
from privilege to pilgrimage, from seclusion to inclusive community.
We pray for all who suffer from injustice, oppression, brokenness, loneliness, grief,
illness, or any kind of pain, and especially for the people on our Prayer List (*read the
names*). And we offer these special prayers from the heart of our community this
morning (*read from the virtual community prayer book*). We pray in loving memory of our
family members and friends who have crossed into your loving arms especially
Hope Dauwalter and Jim Jones who left us during this pandemic yet whose bright
lights are not forgotten.

All: **Clear the Way in us that we might call others to wholeness and right
relationships.**

One: Holy, transforming, Spirit, you call us
from fear to faithfulness,
from chaos to clarity,
from a desire to control to deeper trust in your wisdom.
We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for our families and
friends and for this beloved community, where we are free and encouraged to
explore and expand the great mysteries of our faith, where we are free and
encouraged to ask questions and doubt answers, and think expansively, and refresh
and renew our life-giving faith in conversation with our community. We give
thanks for the Good News that flows from this place.

All: **Clear the Way in us that we might know the beauty and power of the Gospel.**

All Sing: *Here we stand; opening our hearts to you;
Hear our prayer, and keep us close.*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*please stand or kneel*)

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors and ourselves.

All: **O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair,
our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole
hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors or ourselves. We are sorry, we are
humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to
you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole.
Forgive us and renew us now.**

Officiant: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us every trespass through our Savior
Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep
us in eternal life.

THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(We invite you to say whatever version of The Lord's Prayer is most meaningful for you.)

Officiant: As Jesus taught us we now pray:

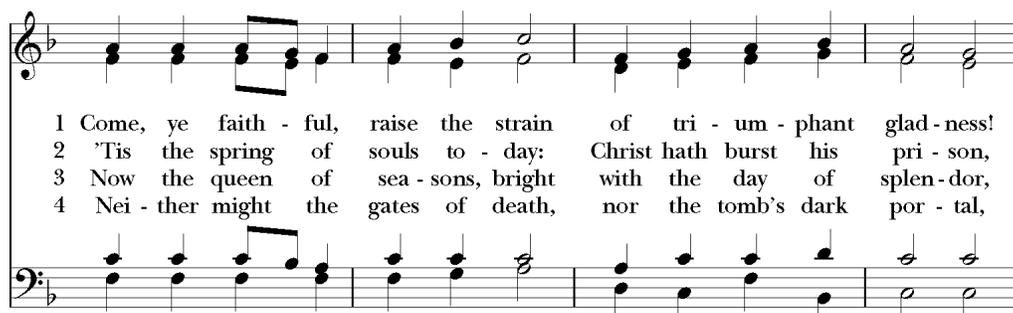
All: **Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the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

CLOSING PRAYER

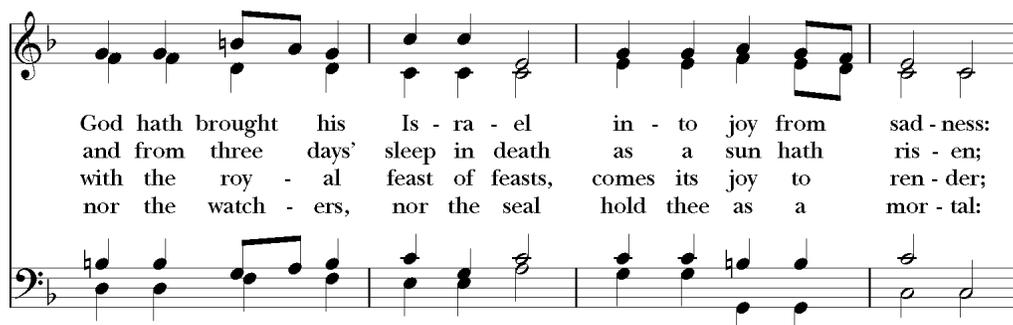
Officiant: Let us pray together.

All: **O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son; look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the fears that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in the bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and peoples may live in harmony and find that new and resurrected life promised through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

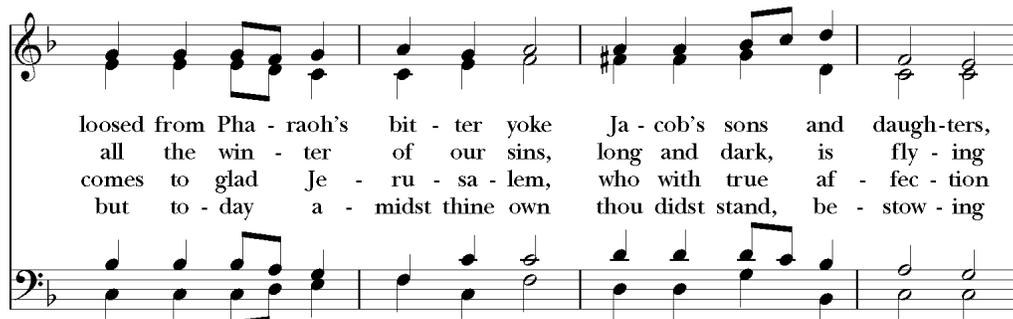
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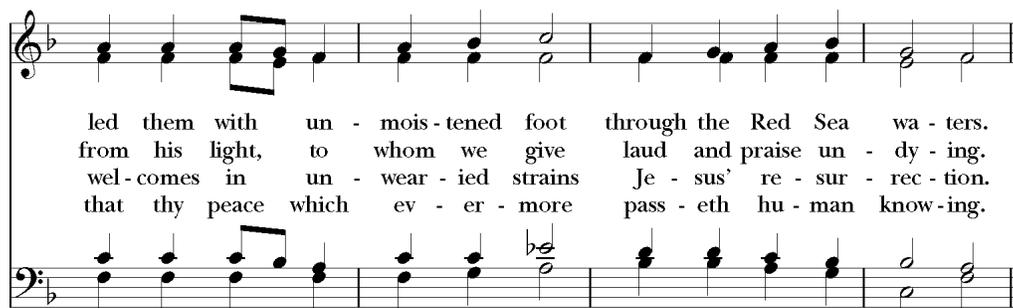
1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

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DISMISSAL

LEM: Let us live in peace and love each other in the name of the risen Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**



If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our Vestry!

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