

**Sunday Worship, Rite II for Proper 19, Year A**



**St John's Episcopal Church  
Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 9:30 am  
In the backyard of the church**

**Masks are required and we will observe distancing  
Please sign in and find a marked space on the grass for worship.  
A recording will be posted on our website & Facebook later in the day**

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### Opening Acclamation

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

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

### The 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.**

### Gloria in Excelsis

**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

*Officiant*     **The Lord be with you.**

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

*Officiant*     **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

#### 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.

The Word of the Lord.       **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 114**

**Book of Common Prayer, p. 756**

- 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.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

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

**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.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

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.

## The Prayers of the People, Form VI

Book of Common Prayer, p. 393

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie, our Bishop; Wendel and Steward, our Retired Bishops; Susie our Vicar; Linda, our Deacon and our Music Ministers. We pray for St. Mary's-in-the-Hills, Lake Orion; Trinity Church, Farmington Hills; and Christ the King, Taylor.

For the Anglican Church of Kenya, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially, \_\_\_\_\_.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays, especially: Karen Oswald, Hendrix Stevens, Dennis Crawford, Jerry Shafer and Pam Blumhardt. We thank you for those celebrating their anniversaries, especially Jerry & Linda Shafer.

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Barbara Leuchtman and all our Loved Ones, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Presider:* 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 Peace

*(the congregation is invited to stand, and exchange distanced greetings)*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## Announcements

## **The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B**

*Book of Common Prayer, p.367*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues on page 367 in the Book of Common Prayer...*

... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Presider continues on page 368 of the Book of Common Prayer, and the people stand or kneel.*

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Presider continues on page 369 of the Book of Common Prayer...*

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Priest invites the people to Communion saying* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Communion will be received, in one kind, at your seats. The Presider will bring the bread to you. Please leave your mask on until she has moved to the next space, and then receive the bread. Please follow other verbal instructions as well.*

## **Post-communion Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer, pg. 365*

*Presider* Let us pray.

**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.**

## **The Blessing**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and may the blessing of God be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*The Deacon or Presider dismisses and the people respond* **Thanks be to God!**

**Thank you to those assisting in today's worship:**

<b>Presider</b>	<b>The Rev. Susie Shaefer</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Cheryl Beasley &amp; Jackie Schuyler</b>
<b>Psalms Leader</b>	<b>Pam Blumhardt</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Beth Leuchtmann</b>