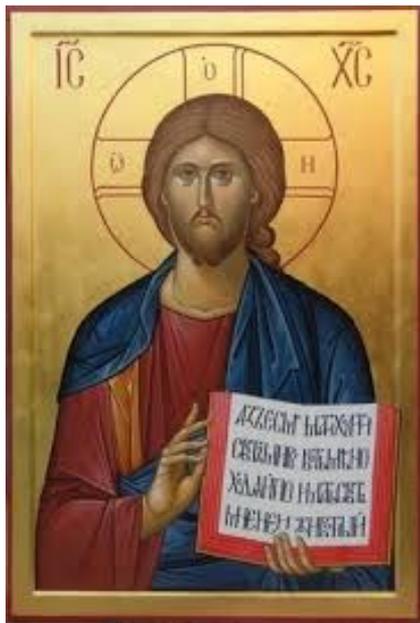


The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



13 September 2020

A Morning Service
10:00 am

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Sunday 13 September 2020
Morning Prayer: Rite II

10:00 AM

The Opening Rite

Voluntary Adagio espressivo

Francois Francoeur

Opening Sentence

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities. - *Psalms 103:2-3*

The Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together,

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest alone 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 Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

Officiant and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite *Psalms 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
 The sea is his, for he made it, *and his hands have molded the dry land.
 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 114



Antiphon: The mountains and the hills shall sing before the living God!

- 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 do- | minion.
- 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. *Antiphon*

- 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. *Antiphon*

Glory to the Father, and to the | Son *
 and to the Holy | Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning, is now and ever | shall be,*
 world without end. A- | men.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 8

The Song of Moses

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle

Luke Tanguay

Hymn #469

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber

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The Third Lesson

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Homily

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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 Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

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 Collect for Evangelism

Merciful God of peace, your word, spoken by the prophets, restores your people's life and hope: Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace, that we may hold fast to your great goodness and proclaim your justice in all the world . **Amen.**

For Mission

God, whose holy name defies our definition but whose will is known in freeing the oppressed: Make us one with all who cry for justice, that we who speak your praise may struggle for your truth; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers and Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Offertory Hymn #671

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Words: John Newton

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The Concluding Rite

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Closing Voluntary Musette

Michel Corrette

Worship Leaders

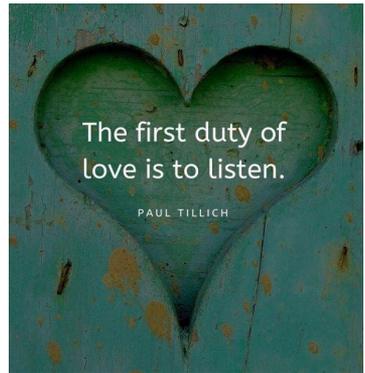
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Luke Tanguay
Barbara Layne
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Conversations: Systemic Racism

The leadership of Grace Church has committed to facilitating conversation that enables us to consider how racism impedes our growth as individuals, as a faith community, and as a country. They will be hosting small, virtual “cottage meetings” that will help us begin to examine this spiritual subject. Racism is so embedded in all aspects of our lives that we can miss its impact on our lives. This conversation will open up ways for us to free ourselves from its control.

You will receive information and invitation to these conversations in a few weeks, with most of the meetings occurring the last two weeks in September. These will be small, safe groups to voice our stories, concerns and hopes. This is one of the roles of a community of faith, to walk with one another as we strive to fulfill God’s dream. Please step out in faith and join us as we consider how we can live in a liberated and loving world.



New Bentley Endeavor

Beginning next week, about 20 Grace Churchers will be penpals to a class from the Bentley School. Each week for 6 weeks, letters will be exchanged via the mail. The scholars will be learning how to write letters and we will be learning what life is like for them.

If interested in being a penpal, please let Debbie know.



Caring for God's Gift of Life: September Event and Fundraiser



**KEEP
CALM
AND
STAY
HEALTHY**

We asked members of Grace Church Salem to either take up a healthy challenge the month of September, or to sponsor someone who has. We have people from 1 to 93 joining in this challenge. Our 1 year old is committing to taking a nap each day after lunch and is looking for sponsors to motivate her to do that (I suspect it's more her mother who is looking such motivation!) Our 93 year old has committed to walking up and down 250 stair steps every day (roughly 20 flights of stairs! I am very grateful for my mother's participation and hope you'll join me in sponsoring her.) Other routines people are taking on are laughing each day, running, walking, and working out. We have 25 fitness friends who have taken up this challenge.

A number of people are cutting out less than healthy habits instead (I call these the Lenten people). These include smoking, drinking diet soft drinks, snacking after 9, checking the phone first thing in the morning, coffee and ice cream.

Every bit of the money received goes to support the administrative costs of our partnership with the Bentley School, an elementary school of the Salem Public Schools. We've already bought books for the scholars involved in our summer book clubs and we are getting ready to start a pen pal program. The monies we receive will defray the cost of stationary, postage and management of the program. The Dean of Student Success is already excited about the success of our partnership and is working with me to plan other fun endeavors.

Many of you have already committed to sponsoring these fitness friends. Although the challenge began last week, there is still time to start yours. If you'd like to either take on a challenge or be a sponsor, contact fundraising@gracechurchsalem.org to get more information, or simply send your gift to Grace Church via check or through paypal on our website. Please make a notation that it is for the fitness challenge. Yay team! Let's get healthy for our own sake and for our schools!

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