SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 – PENTECOST 15, PROPER 19 – YEAR A

10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
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Prelude

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Opening Hymn

Hymnal # 336

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

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

People:      And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant:  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.
All say together
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

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.

First Reading
A Reading from the book of Genesis (50:15-21)

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge
against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached
Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you,
forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore
please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they
spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your
slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All sing Refrain together
Psalm 114  Cantor: Fay Manicke

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.

Refrain
The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

Refrain
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?

Refrain
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.

Refrain
Second Reading
A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Church in Rome (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.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn LEVAS # 176 An Evening Prayer

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The Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Deacon: 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.

Sermon

The Rev. Chris Cox Deacon

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.

Prayers of the People

*Lector:* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People:* That we all may be one.

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

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

*Lector:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Lector:* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People:* Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(The people may add their own petitions).

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Celebrant: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you.

Taken from A New Zealand Prayer Book—He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa’ (adapted)

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

All say together: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .

Celebrant and People:
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.

A Litany During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Celebrant: Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.
Celebrant: Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

“The Coronavirus Prayer” was written by Kerry Weber, an executive editor for America Magazine.

Closing Hymn

Hymnal # 674

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

1 “For - give our sins as we for - give” you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

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Blessing

Celebrant: 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 Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluiia. Alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluiia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, Organ
**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

We remember God's holy catholic church, including Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; William, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Peter, Noel, and Bruce, priest associates; Carol and Chris, our Deacons, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Anglican Church of South America, and The Most Rev. Gregory James Venables; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including David, Joe Morris, and Sylvestre, retired Bishops; and The Rev. Dcn. Carol Kerbel.

We commend to your prayers this day all persons deployed in the service of our country. May they dwell safely under the protection of Almighty God.

We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with those who have lost their jobs, the Dell’Acqua family, Roxanne and the Nelson family, Hugh and Elly, Mayra, the Ramirez family, Jolia, Michael, Esther and the Salas family, Olivia, Giselle, Cono, the Robinson family, the Hunter family, Kylie, the Morales family, Rosa, the Felipe family, the Vallejo family, the Blake family, Jacob Blake, the Boseman family, CeCe, Bishop Charles May, and all those affected by Covid-19.

We remember those who have died, especially Barry Certner, Randolph Fryar, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world.

We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: Alexandra Borella, The Rev. Cn. Dr. Noel & Nkiru Amadi, Jordan Tejeda, Marie A. Ford, Bethany Whiteman, John & Frances O'Brien, Rose Ananthanayagam, Spencer Caton, Alex Zilinski and Al Shaw.
Our Vision:

A visible agent of God’s love in Christ, joyfully embracing all people.

Our Mission:

God is here; Jesus loves you.

We are a welcoming, diverse community sharing God’s love, spreading the Gospel, and caring for all people and God’s creation. Come join us.

The Rt. Rev. William “Chip” H. Stokes, Bishop
The Very Rev. René Rory John, Dean
The Rev. Canon Dr. Noel Amadi, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dr. Peter Bridge, Priest Associate
The Rev. Bruce Montgomery, Priest Associate
The Rev. Chris Cox, Deacon
The Rev. Carol Gilbert, Deacon
Dr. Kerry Heimann, Director of Music & Cathedral Organist
Fay Manicke, Associate Director of Music