Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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9:00 a.m.

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Intergenerational Homily:
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Deacon:
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Organist:
Canon David Link, Canon for Music

Cantor:
Chris Miller

Vergers:
Canon Elizabeth Kenealey
Dr. Don Taylor

This Sunday’s flowers are given to the glory of God.

**Organ Voluntaries:**  
*Voluntary in a minor* attributed to Edward Kendall (18th century)  
*Elevation xvii*  

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Opening Sentences**

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

*People:*  
And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The presider welcomes the congregation and introduces the service informally.

*Clergy:*  
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.

*People:*  
Amen.
All are invited to sing:

The Gloria: *Glory to you*

1. *Glory to you, _Lord*

2. *Glory to you, _for the radiance of your holy Name;_ we will praise you and _highly exalt you for ever._

3. *Glory to you _in the splendor of your temple;_ on the throne of your majesty, _glory to you._

4. *Glory to you, _seated between the Cherubim;_ we will praise you and _highly exalt you for ever._
5. Glory to you, beholding the
holding the depths;
in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to

6. Glory to you, Father,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will
Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and
highly exalt you Glory to you!
highly exalt you for ever.
The Collects

Clergy: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Clergy: Let us pray.

Clergy: 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.
People: Amen.

Clergy: Holy and gracious God, give us the strength to meet the health crisis looming around us. Enlighten researchers that they may discover the right vaccine against this disease. Guide the doctors, nurses and all medical technicians working with those who are infected to take correct actions for their care. Protect all medical staff and family or friends caring for those who are ill. Bring together the governments and governmental agencies around the world to work together to eradicate this health threat. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Intergenerational Homily: Forgiveness

The Rev. Canon Kathy Hopner, Canon for Education and Spiritual Formation

All are invited to sing:

Gradual Hymn: All are welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Buildt of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome,
All are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome,
All are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Tune: Two Oaks, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Psalm 114  In exitu Israel

Verger:  1 Hallelujah!

People:  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 Epistle  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.

Verger:  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People:  Thanks be to God.
All are invited to sing:

Sequence Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace (Prayer of St. Francis)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardon that we are pardoned, in

there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And there is darkness, only light, And giving of ourselves that we receive, and in

where there’s doubt, true faith in you. where there’s sadness, ever joy. dying that we’re born to eternal life.

Verse 3

3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Tune: Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942
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Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy
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.”


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Very Rev. Matthew Woodward, Dean of the Cathedral

An intentional time of silence follows the sermon for personal reflection.

The Nicene Creed

People: 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

If you have a Facebook account, we will invite you to write in the comment section whatever is on your mind or heart, including the people you would like us to pray for.

Please use first name and last initial only so as to protect the privacy of the individuals named.

Clergy: Lord, make us a house of prayer. Make us clear minded and generous, so that we can pray first, always, and continually.

Verger: We pray for the church and all who contribute to its ministry. We pray for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Megan Traquair, our Diocesan Bishop; Barry Beisner and Jerry Lamb, our Bishops retired; Matthew Woodward, our Dean; and Kathy Hopner, our Canon for Education and Spiritual Formation. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember Trinity Church, Sutter Creek, Paul Colbert, Priest in Charge.

Verger: For all that you do,  
People: We thank you, Lord.

Verger: We pray in thanksgiving, also, for Chris Sanft; our vergers, Canon Elizabeth Kenealey and Dr. Don Taylor; Canon David Link and all the cantors, and the beautiful music provided weekly.

Verger: For all that you do,  
People: We thank you, Lord.
Verger: We pray for peace and love in our nation. We pray for those who suffer from injustice and intolerance. Guide our leaders with patience and understanding to bring our people together with one accord. We pray especially for President Donald Trump, Governor Gavin Newsom, Mayor Darrell Steinberg, and all those in authority.

Verger: For all that you do,  
People: We thank you, Lord.

Verger: Each season brings something new for us to see and enjoy. With sunny days and rainy days our crops grow abundantly. Thank you for all the food we eat. Let us remember people who may not have enough. Help us to be kind in thought, word, and deed.

Verger: For all that you do,  
People: We thank you, Lord.

Verger: We lift up all those who are facing illness. Give them the hope and courage they need. Ease their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with your peace. We pray for…. Are there others?

Verger: For all that you do,  
People: We thank you, Lord.

Verger: We pray for those who have died in the fires, from Covid 19, racial violence, and other causes. We humbly entrust our brothers and sisters into your care. Deliver them from evil and bid them eternal life. We pray for the souls of…. Are there others?

Verger: For all that you do,  
People: We thank you, Lord.

Verger: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.
The Confession

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

Silence may be kept.

People: 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

Clergy: 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.

People: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Clergy: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.
The Peace

Clergy: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Offering

All are invited to sing:

Offertory Hymn: *When Christ was lifted from the earth*  
Hymnal 603

1. When Christ was lifted from the earth,  
his arms stretched out above  
through every culture, every birth,  
to draw an answering love.

2. Still east and west his love extends  
and always, near or far,  
he calls and claims us as his friends  
and loves us as we are.

3. Where generation, class, or race  
divide us to our shame,  
he sees not labels but a face,  
a person, and a name.

4. Thus freely loved, though fully known,  
may I in Christ be free  
to welcome and accept his own  
as Christ accepted me.

*The Hymnal 1982, 603*

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The Doxology *(sung by all)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Give Praise all creatures here below.  
Give Praise above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Clergy: Almighty God,
People: you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary: Toccata Brevis

Daniel Gawthrop

Please join us for “Virtual” Coffee Hour on Zoom at 10:30 am after this service, hosted by Dean Matthew. The theme this week is “your favorite walk in Sacramento (with refreshment recommendation on the way)”. When you click on the link below, you’ll be in a “waiting room”; please wait to be admitted by the host. Here is the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86205639298?pwd=UGRRT1FyYlhFNFjNUTjZTU0N4VnBCUT09

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