



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

PRELUDE

Nimrod

by Elgar

ENTRANCE HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Hymnal 690)

Instrumental

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant says

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.*

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE

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The following is sung, all standing

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

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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.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 14:19-31

The people sit.

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. 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 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 114

Remain seated.

¹Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
²Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
³The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
⁴The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
⁵What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
⁶You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

The people sit.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

ORGAN INTERLUDE

Wade In the Water (LEVAS 143)

Instrumental

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

All stand.

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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Will Lowry

Brief moment of silence to follow.

THE CREED

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All stand.

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

Celebrant: Our gracious and loving God, you are generous and merciful to forgive our sins and to lead us into freedom: Accept our prayers for all your creation and let your Holy Spirit direct and rule our hearts as we say: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Litanist: Loving God, look upon your church with patience and grant us your divine forbearance, that we may forgive and be forgiven within the abundance of your grace. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; John, our Deacon and all other clergy and ministers of your church.
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,

at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Enlighten this nation and our leaders, O Holy One, that we may be a generous people, extending your justice and becoming instruments of your reconciliation. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,

at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Visit the earth with your pity and love to relieve all who live with illness, violence, poverty, injustice or oppression, that they may be delivered from their distress.
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,

at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Inspire this community with your generosity of Spirit, that we may forgive the debts of others even as we have been forgiven. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioners Chris and John.
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,

at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Hear our prayer for those whom we bring to your steadfast love, especially our parishioners Cal, Mike, Biff, Rick, Betty, Doris, Ann, Al, Fred, David, Ivey and all on our prayer list. We also pray for those in harm's way from wildfires in California and those in the path of storms.

Let every tongue praise you for your goodness.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. We remember those who are the Lord's possession through death.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,

at the presence of the God of Jacob.

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,

at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,

at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Celebrant: Gracious and Loving God, you liberate us from all bondage and you call us to generosity and grace: Bring your merciful forgiveness into our lives and free us from all division and pride, that we may become your instruments of pardon and peace, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

The Priest stands and 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 PEACE

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All stand.

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another
in the name of the Lord staying in their places.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love (Alleluia III 175)

Instrumental

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

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

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION

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Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

DISTRIBUTION

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The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people in their places.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL

Meditation

by Lloyd Larson

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

As you leave this place, go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven. Know that the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil. Remember the poor, pray for the sick, and make no peace with injustice in this world. May the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go Forth for God, Go to the World in Peace (Hymnal 347)

Instrumental

DISMISSAL

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Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Please remain in your seats until an usher instructs you to exit.
Thank you for your patience.*

POSTLUDE

Finale from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

by Handel

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

Those for whom we pray: Cal Hanson, Mike Minchew, Biff Johnson, Will Waggoner (Jan Waggoner), Rick Brandon, Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Laura Hermezc (Lillian Bemis), Billy Hermezc (Lillian Bemis), Kevin Hermezc (Lillian Bemis), Roy Hermezc (Lillian Bemis), **Betty Huechtker**, Betty Thomas (Lillian Bemis), **Doris Bryant**, Melody Taylor (Lillian Bemis), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Marty Halliday (Karen Anderson), Danelle Lee Pigott (Laura Pigott), Sam Gilfillan (Christine Ashley), Chris Hermezc (Lillian Bemis), Allie Marcoccia (Kathy Bowers), Nancy Wells (Kay Bradley), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), **Ann Gurney, Al Vondrasek, Fred Waggoner**, Karen Foster (Ashby Jones), **David Adams**, Brian Cooke (Bev Williams), Bray Family (Rhonda Barber), Martha Cole (Courtney Gibb), Bernice Waddell (Marilyn Quinn), Bobby McGurk (Karen Anderson), Ross Ashley (Wiley & Christine Ashley), Pat Richeson (Kathy Bowers), **Howell Family**, Bruce Austin (Rick & Ellie Brandon), Beverly & David Rivers (Evie Loftin), Daniel Kilgore (Barbara Smith), Clint, Easton & Brooklyn Jaeger (Alan Jaeger), Barbara McCurdy (Pam Huerd), LeAnne Rendleman (Jim & Cyndi Hill), **Ivee Lowry**

Prayer List Guidelines: If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please write their name on the form on the podium in the narthex or contact the office. Parishioners' names will be said in the Prayers of the People at the following Sunday's service. All others will be added to the Prayer List in the bulletin on the following Sunday. Names will be removed from the bulletin list after one month unless we are notified otherwise.

For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces: Phil Gurney (USN), Scott Forrester (USAF), Joshua Goldsmith (USA), Blake Buskens (USA), Dillon Johnson (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), **Chris Miller (GSPD)**, Joseph Callaway (USN), Vincent Lau (USN), Jonathan Arthur (USA), Savannah Kichler (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USM), Callaway Williamson (USN), **John Butterick (FMVFD)**

In Thanksgiving for Birthdays: Amelia Jesubatham (13th), Ci Jones (13th), Chuck Stone (16th), Evie Loftin (19th), Sue Marty (19th)

In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries: Kate & Cliff Withers (14th), Carol & Joe Hooten (15th), Ellie & Rick Brandon (19th)

In Thanksgiving for Expectant Mothers: Katie Goodwin (Jim & Cyndi Hill)

Servers

Acolyte-8am- Jim Hill	10am- Dora Pelham
Lector- 8am- Jim Hill	10am- Diane Wheeler
Ushers- 8am- Joy & Bob Branch	10am- Lee & Dick Reid
Altar Guild- Chan West, Sara Walker & Fr. Bill Ericson	
Flower Guild- Brenda Johnson	
Beadle- Ron Meehan	

Vestry

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