

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

815 High Street, Downtown Des Moines, IA 50309

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 19

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Ten o'clock in the morning

Organ Voluntary

Hymn 494

Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA

The Greeting

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

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

The Celebrant may say

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.**

A Song of Praise

(in the front section of the Hymnal)

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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 forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons, the People sit

A Reading from the Book of 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.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

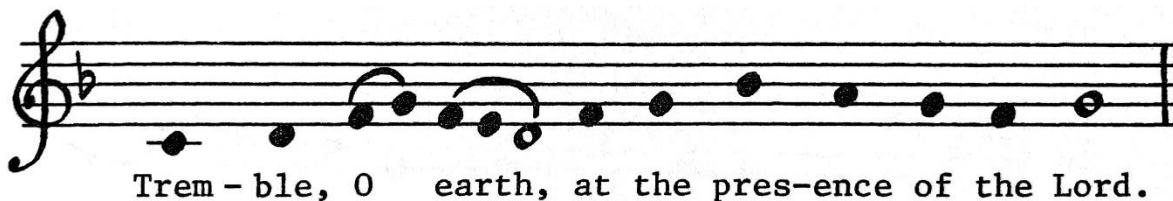
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

In exitu Israel

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The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited.



A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 488

Day by day

SUMNER

The Holy 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Elizabeth Gillman

After the Homily, a period of silent reflection is kept.

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

Celebrant: *Please stand or kneel for prayer.*

Deacon: Rejoice in the waters of life, those who honor God in all things, and raise your voices in prayer, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: We pray for your church: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan, our bishop; for Fr. Troy, Amma Nicola, Fr., Zeb., Deacon John, Mark, John, and Jovan; for all lay and ordained ministers. In our companion Diocese of Brechin we pray for the clergy and people of All Souls, Invergowrie; in our companion Diocese of Nzara we pray for the clergy and people of Yabua II Parish; in our companion Diocese of Swaziland we pray for the clergy and people of St. Michael's Chapel; in our own Diocese we pray for the clergy and people of St Paul, Grinnell; St Stephen, Newton; in our parish prayer cycle we pray for Jean, Susan, Steve, Wells, Sharon, Jan, John, Katie, Barbara, Elizabeth, Jim, Jill, J., Betsie; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray the clergy and people of the Anglican Church of South America. In thanksgiving for this holy day where we gather as a household of faith to hear the word of God with open minds and grateful hearts; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. For honesty in government, and integrity in our dealings with one another, that trust may be restored between people and throughout the institutions of our society; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for the arms of forgiveness that embrace us in the midst of our sin, leading us to repentance, and filling us with mercy through which we will forgive others; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: That we may commit ourselves to a life of simplicity, so that we may provide for the needs of the poor and hungry, as Jesus provided nourishment and hope to his followers; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: That we may share our spiritual quest with one another, convinced that in our mutual self-disclosure we will be strengthened in faith and grow in the conviction that God's love can forgive all things and transforms all life; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for those who are teachers and catechists in our Church and wider community; that they may be given the blessing of knowledge and wisdom, as they instruct those in their charge; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received, we continue our prayers.

You are invited to add your own prayers, silently, aloud or typed in the comments.

Concluding Collect, spoken in unison

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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All kneel as able, and the Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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The Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Announcements for September 13, 2020
Due to COVID-19 the building is closed to all group meetings
until the Coronavirus abates.

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATION TODAY AT 4:00PM

You are invited to join us in prayer for the nation at two special online services hosted and co-led by the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Des Moines and Trinity Cathedral, Davenport. The service will incorporate readings, collects, and music with invitation and blessing to be given by Bishop Scarfe. The services will be found on the Diocesan Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/lowaEpiscopal/videos/828783257884814>, the diocesan YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/nVli5V8vEq4>, and will be available on the diocesan website. Call-in option for members who only have access to phones (participants on the phone will NOT be able to be heard but will be able to hear the service): 312 626 6799 and enter the Meeting ID as prompted: 365 765 527#

The Cathedral Office is closed except by appointment and for essential needs only. Voice mails may be left for staff at 515-288-7292 and will be checked regularly. Emails are also welcome at the following email addresses:

Amma Nicola:	ammanicola@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org
Fr. Zeb:	fatherzeb@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org
Deacon John:	deacon@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org
John Zickefoose:	administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

Although we cannot gather, there are ways we can be together during the week, and we hope you will join with us for these on-line services:

Morning Prayer: 9:00 AM every week on Wednesday

Evening Prayer: 5:45 PM every week on Thursday

Virtual Coffee Hour: After worship every week on Sunday

Log-Ins can be found in our weekly e-blast

You may email administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org to receive our e-blast. If you do not have a copy of the Book of Common Prayer at home, you may access it online at bcponline.org.

Financial Giving

The expenses of the church continue through the COVID-19 crisis and so does our ministry.

Financial contributions can mailed:

815 High St. Des Moines, IA 50309

given online: cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

or texted: 515-207-8133

If you would like to make a contribution to support those experiencing hardship please note that your gift is for the "Clergy Discretionary Fund"

Facebook

You can learn more about what we are doing at St. Paul's by following our Facebook Page:

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul-Episcopal

And by joining our private Facebook Group:

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

We also have a private Facebook Group for parents and kids:

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral Kids Des Moines

We'd love to hear your prayer requests, share events with you, and connect as a community.