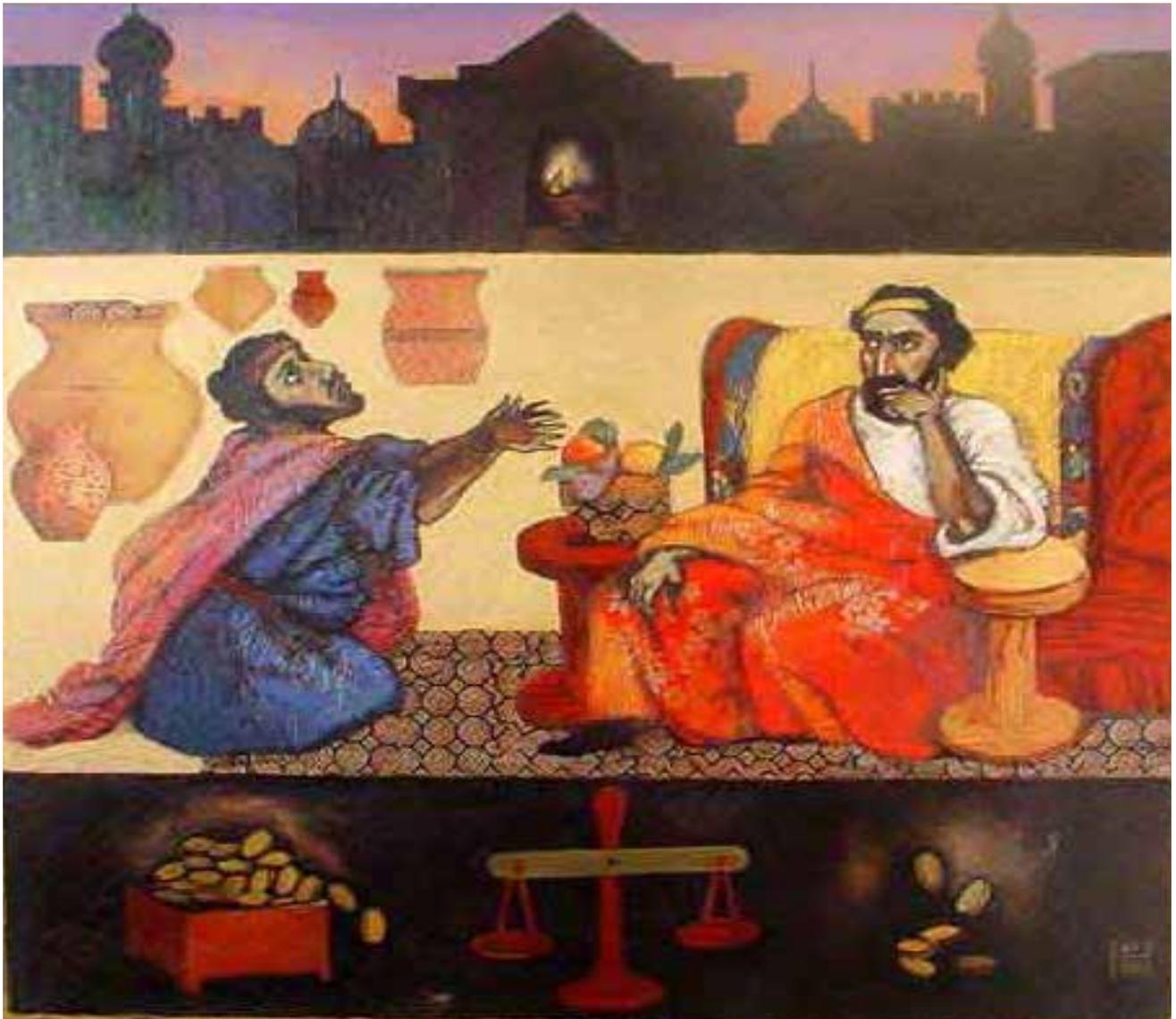


THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER

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ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
the episcopal diocese of maryland
10:45 A.M. ♦ SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT 10:45

Celebrant: I see you

People: **We are here.**

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

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we come together to hear your word and to receive your sacrament. Keep us mindful that we are one with you and each other and help us to live our lives joyfully sharing the grace you have shown us and the life you have brought us. Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do; and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response: **We offer ourselves to you, O Lord, and to each other, that we may serve in your Name.
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.

People Amen

The people sit.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 114 *IN EXITU ISRAEL*

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.

The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

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?

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.

THE SECOND LESSON: *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.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL: *MATTHEW 18:21-35*

Celebrant: 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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

All stand for

THE 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kneeling

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and grant us the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you**

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

PARISH LIFE

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Lord, for the beauty of this earth, our island home. We thank you especially for this place in which we live; for our lakes and our forests, our farmland, and the life which flourishes here. Guide us in the care of all you have given us, especially in our care of each other. You have given us much, and for that we are grateful. And so we join with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, evermore praising you, and singing:

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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

As we come to this table, Lord, grant that we may share your Spirit together, renew our strength, and reveal your love to a waiting world because we were here. 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.**

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

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.

All here are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. You may also “intinct” by dipping the bread into the chalice. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

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.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

today

upcoming

also

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prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. Requests should be renewed the first of each month to be kept on our list. You may call the Church Office at 301-334-2510 or email your request to **episcopalchurchingarrettcountry@gmail.com**.

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Terry Hunt, Mary Ellen Dore, Wayne Caple, Christine Brown, Peggy Brown, Harper Wotring, Jacques Hourtal Mart, Curtis Pritts, Helen & Bob Spear, Tom Shelton, Anne Byrne & family, Barbara Pritts, Tommy Reams, Shirley Metheny, Joshua Dunford, Dave Arnold, Jane Hazlett & family, and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

for St. John's congregation especially for Mark Ballard, Coley Beggy, Sam Dick, Sr., Gary Dixon, Ted Frantz, Mary Hahn, Hodge-Williams Family, Madalyn Hoffeditz, Chase Hull, Sara King, Thomas Kovach, Reily Lewis, Don Loomis, Marge Mahood, Grayson Noble, Rebecca Paugh, Brenda Rathgeb, Heather Savage, Frances Sharpless, Brooklyn Tasker, Laura Tasker, and Walt Tasker.

(Silence)

in the diocese of maryland, we pray for Christ Church, Port Republic; Middleham & St. Peter's, Lusby; and St. Andrew the Fisherman, Mayo. We also pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Bob our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers.

in the anglican communion, we pray for the the Anglican Church of South America and The Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina.

for relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

for all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, economic and environmental injustice and addiction.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Karen Adams, Hugh Andrew, Thomas Ashby, Mike Barnes, Luke Bowser, Patricia Burkholder, Wayne Caple, Nick & Oksana Carlson, John D. Chamblin, Jr., Randy Chamblin, Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Jenna Conn, Betty Jane Cook, Robert Coughlin, Rev. Crites, Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Harold DeBerry, Virginia Dillsworth, Carolyn Dore, Terry Elliott, Ron Gebron, Margaret Germain, Mary Jane Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Mimi Gigax, Laurie Grant, Sherry & Bud Gunter, Mary Hahn, Lauren Hatcher, Jim & Mary Hawkins, Jeremy Henry, Charles Herman, Howard Hoffman, Patricia Hoffman, Stacy Holler, Emily Imgrund, The Janiak Family, Jane Ann Kane, Terry Kasecamp, Paul Keister, Thomas Kovach, Joan Lambert, Evelyn Lamp, Smith Lantz, Charlotte Laumann, The Lee Family & The Layer Family, Shirley Lotz, Nancy Louie, Carol Mattingly, Carole Maynard, Joe Methany, Sue Meyer, Pat Michener, Christy Montgomery, Judy Morgan, Janet Mosser, Greg Myers, The Nardi family, Derek Parker, Rebecca Paugh, Logan Perry, Brenda Rathgeb, The Reckart Family, Donald Richter, Doug Roberson, Betty Rundquist, Ruta Savage, Ralph Schmidt, Irene Schrock, The Scott Family, Tommy Scott, William Seling, Katie Shearon, William Smeltzer, Bob Smith, Joshua Snider, Sean Snider, Alice Soberg, Heidi & Deva Solomon, Kyle Swaim, Darlene Terlizzi, Eleanor Wade, Lillian Wall, Daryl Walters, Tom Watts, Jennie Weeks, Pat Wilkinson, Samantha Hodge-Williams, Kerry Chartrau Willoughby, Nancy Wright, Andrew Yoder, Garrett Yoder, and Chuck Zellefrow.

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little ones have a place at st. matthew's

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9 a.m. Grace Reformed Church
10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 a.m. Coffee hour in the chancel
immediately following the service.

Sunday, September 20

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Every Week

sunday

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

tuesday

10:15 a.m. Yoga
5:15 p.m. Yoga
6:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 22

wednesday

12 p.m. Packing-It's in the Bag-St. John's
5:15 p.m. Yoga

thursday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Every Month

1st Tuesday: Vestry

Third Sunday: EpiscoPals

Next-to-last-Thursday: Stephen's Table, Parish Hall

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