

The Holy Communion



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a touching or meeting

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2020

8:45 AM

Gathering in God's Name

Gathering Music

Priest: Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People: *Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.*

Song of Praise

This is the Day

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made, we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will re-joyce and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made." The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final chord.

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Proclaim and Respond to God's Word

Priest: God be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

Priest: Let us pray.

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 for ever. Amen.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Priest: 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

"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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Creed

I believe in God above.
I believe in Jesus' love.
I believe The Spirit, too,
Comes to tell us what to do.
I believe that I can be
Kind and loving, Lord, like you.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Honoring God in Creation

(Our Prayers and Confession are from liturgical resources approved at the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The prayers and confession reflect our intention to become better companions to all of God's creation and to answer the call to care for all of God's creation.)

Leader

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying,

People: "Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace."

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures [especially __ and our local leaders and __], that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for creatures human and other who have died. (Pause)

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Priest: [Gichi Manidoo,] Great Spirit God, we give you thanks for another day on this earth. We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator. We acknowledge with one mind our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. **Amen.**

source: Native American/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Liturgies, prepared for the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Anaheim, California, July 2009

Leader and People:

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen. The Priest alone says Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you and forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

We greet one another offering a deep peace of Christ to our neighbors.

Prepare the Table and Present Offerings

Offertory

When we bring our offerings to the altar, we bring ourselves. Through the offering, we respond to God's generosity with our own gifts so that the ministry carried on in God's name will grow and thrive. The Ushers will take up your financial offerings and present them at the altar together with the gifts of bread and wine. If you would rather make an offering by credit card, please text 610-981-2378 with the amount you would like to contribute (example: \$50). Await a reply text and follow the instructions. Thanks be to God for your generosity.

Music during Offertory Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on
2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on
3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. It is good for us to praise you for in baptism you have made us your new people, who show your glory to the world.

Therefore we lift our voices with all of creation to say:

**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 Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. You have acted mightily in your Love for us. You make us in your image; you send your mercy and care to us when our relationships are distorted and our lives broken. When despair and death approached us you sent your Son Jesus into the world to be among us as one of us, to call us to new life, and to invite us into an eternal faith.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, we are mindful of your mighty acts of Love and ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine. Make them holy so that in receiving holy gifts we ourselves may become one in Christ, and bearers of holiness.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest: And now as Jesus taught us, we pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread and forgive our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,

for the Kingdom, the power and glory are yours. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread and the Communion

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God!

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You and above all things, I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Music during Communion

The Blessing

At the breaking of the dawn

may the Risen Saviour bless your home

with grace and peace from above,

with joy and laughter, and with love

And when night is nigh, and day is done

May He keep you safe from all harm.

Sending Forth Song This Little Light of Mine

1. This lit - tle light of mine, — I'm goin' - a let it shine, —

this lit - tle light of mine, — I'm goin' - a let it shine, —

this lit - tle light of mine, — I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine).

2. Everywhere I go... 3. All through the night...

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace! Remember the sick, the poor, the hungry and the lonely. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Ministers

Celebrant	The Rev. Canon Dale T. Grandfield
Preacher	The Very Rev. Anthony R. Pompa
Musician-in-Residence	Winston Alozie

Those who are in need of healing – Lillian Lewis, Anne, Wes Vogel, Richard Benske, Bob Willey, Robert, Jonathan, Amy Wilson, Fred Dronenburg, Susan Kelley, Jennifer Madera, Susan Mast, Julie Goodman, Carol Arcario, Carol Czechowski, Beryl Reader, Andrew and Kae Romeril; Lakina Campbell, Carol Rabenold, Debra Daniel, Debbie Fields, Belinda Tomar, Kevin Thomas Fitzpatrick, Caitlin, Laveenus Jalaluddin, Anne Buckingham, Martha Golfphin, Jon Knauss, Jeffrey Simprini, Kim Gencarelli, John Iander, Diane Kuczynski, Eliese Blalock, Oscar Duarte, Jim Flader, Lindsay Kessler, Betty Roach, Bill Krueger, Blanche Case, Raymond Arcario, Jacqueline Reader, Mary Mulder, Tom Brennan, James Reader

NEWS and INFORMATION for the Week of September 13, 2020

Adult Forum: “To Serve and Guard the Earth” is a 6-week exploration into the connection of the creation story found in the book of Genesis and some related environmental concerns that we confront today. Join Nativity's Creation Care Committee virtually on Thursday evenings September 17th through October 22nd from 7-8PM. The link to the Zoom meeting and the Participant's Guide can be found on Nativity's website (under Connect & Grow tab you will find Adult Formation). No registration required. Come to any or all weeks as you are able. If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact the committee members at creationcare@nativitycathedral.org.

Hagiography: Celtic Saints Join us virtually beginning September 24 through October 15 at 7-8PM as Dean Pompa leads us in exploring Celtic Hagiography and the lives and miracles of the Celtic Saints. Over the 4 weeks, you will enjoy the study of the saints and medieval writings that recounted the saints' lives, deeds and miracles, and martyrdom. Videos will be posted on our website. at nativitycathedral.org/celtic.html. Registration required: https://www.celticfest.org/hagiography_celtic_saints

Club Kitchen Reno The Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem offers many programs and activities helping, as their mission statement says, "To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible individuals." The Club's Fritz Drive location is an amazing building with spaces for everything from doing homework to sports and activities. Downstairs, the kitchen is used for a weekly cooking class, and to produce daily meals. That's where we here at Nativity Cathedral come in. We know God is calling us to care for the kids of our greater neighborhood! The Club Kitchen needs serious sprucing. New flooring, sanded and restained cabinets, deep cleaning, and strategy for storage and organization. Our September/October 2020 fund drive is to raise the money to sponsor the reno the Club Kitchen so badly needs. Our goal is to raise *at least* \$6,000 by Sunday, October 4. To donate, send a check designated for the Club Kitchen to the parish office, or give online through nativitycathedral.org. Questions? Canon Grandfield dgrandfield@nativitycathedral.org. Thank you for your faithful generosity in making the Club Kitchen another little sign of God's love in our world!

Bethlehem Emergency Shelter is preparing to open on a limited basis beginning in November. Homeless men and women find shelter and food in a caring environment. To find out more and to help contact Deacon Rodney at deaconrodney@cathedral.org

Card Shower Betty Roach, a long-time parishioner of our church, will be celebrating her 99th birthday on September 26. She is a resident at Moravian Hall Square in Nazareth. Due to COVID-19, there cannot be a celebration for her so we would like to shower her with cards or notes. It would be helpful to let her know that you are from the church because she might not be familiar with all the names. I'm sure it will make her heart feel happy that she has been remembered on this very important birthday. Her address is: Moravian Hall Square, Apt. 2202, 175 W. North St., Nazareth, PA 18064.

Better Buy Thrift Shop Revised Hours Now open in Sayre Hall Wednesday to Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM. Donations are only accepted during shop hours.

Cypress House Bakery Cypress House at St. Luke's is a newly affiliated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of St. Luke's Church, Scranton. The inaugural program of Cypress House will be a bakery which will serve as a prison re-entry program. The goal of Cypress House is to develop a viable business run entirely by those re-entering society. In addition to job training, the program will be directed by a social services professional highly skilled in counseling, as well as vocational training in a culturally sensitive manner. Actual apprenticeships will be awarded by a licensed baker. Through Cypress House, we hope to live more deeply into God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being. Please help us support this inspired ministry by sending a check payable to: Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, note on the memo line: Cypress House Bakery and send to: Diocesan House, 333 Wyandotte St., Bethlehem, PA 18015. The ECW and Cypress House thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Cathedral Connections A great way to re-connect this summer and beyond. Join in small groups with other like-minded Cathedral folk for a time of connecting and enjoyment. Groups of 8-10 will meet virtually. Choose the group(s) you wish to participate in by the interest you have! Visit nativitycathedral.org for more details and to sign-up.

The week beginning September 13, 2020

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VESTRY

Richard Sause, Sr. Warden (2022)

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**Annalisa Kelly-Cavotta, Clerk of the
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Raymond Arcario (2023)

Siobhan Ardizzone (2023)

Rob Curzi (2023)

Tom Edwards (2021)

Joe Mazingo (2022)

Mary Mulder (2021)

Meg Seltzer (2021)

Barbara Solito (2023)

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. 321 Contact Worship – Nativity Platz & Virtual
Kick-off Celebration immediately following
10:00 a.m. Principle Worship – Cathedral & Virtual
12:30 p.m. Spanish Worship – Cathedral & Virtual

Monday: No Staff in Office – Staff working remotely

Tuesday: 9:00 AM Staff in office until 2:00 PM (No visitors without
appointment)
1:00 PM Al-Anon – Nativity Platz
5:30 PM Heart Rhythm Meditation – Virtual on Zoom
7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Staff in office until 2:00 PM (No visitors without
appointment)
10:00 AM Thrift Shop open until 1PM – Sayre Hall
7:00 PM Mindfulness Meditation – Facebook

Thursday: 9:00 AM Staff in office until 2:00 PM (No visitors without
appointment)
10:00 AM Thrift Shop open until 1PM – Sayre Hall
7:00 p.m. Adult Formation – Virtual

Friday: No Staff in Office – Staff working remotely
10:00 AM Thrift Shop open until 1PM – Sayre Hall

Saturday: 9:00 AM Altar Guild Prep – Cathedral
10:00 AM Thrift Shop open until 1PM – Sayre Hall
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist – Cathedral & Virtual

** Not listed are the many groups meeting virtually and the Cathedral
Connections. Visit nativitycathedral.org for more details. **

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