

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 19

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

10:30 A.M. ANTE COMMUNION RITE II

Opening Acclamation		351 (prayer book)
Opening Hymn	<i>O bless the Lord my soul</i>	411 (hymnal)
Confession		352 (prayer book)
Gloria		S280 (hymnal)
Collect of the Day		233 (prayer book)

I reading—Genesis 50: 15-21

Reader: A reading from Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 103: (1-7), 8-13

733 (prayer book)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *

nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

II reading—Romans 14: 1-12

Reader: A reading from 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

Gospel—Matthew 18: 21-35

Gospeller: 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.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily		The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
The Nicene Creed		358 (prayer book)
Prayers of the People - Form II		385 (prayer book)
Anthem	<i>Dear Lord and Father of mankind</i>	C. Hubert Parry
The Lord’s Prayer		364 (prayer book)
The Peace		360 (prayer book)
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>Ye watchers and ye holy ones</i>	618 (hymnal)
Dismissal		366 (prayer book)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE– FORM II

Intercessor: Let us pray for Christ’s church and the world.

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; For our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop DeDe for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our parish for Paul & Ginny Diller . For parishes in our diocese, especially St. Thomas’ Episcopal Church in Hamilton and St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Horseheads..

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Dottie Divers, Elaina Renfrew, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jason, Bill, Steven, Merle, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Bill, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry and those we now name, silently or aloud.

Silence

the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Bruce Ratliff, Evelyn Mercer, Levy Margosian, Charles Atwater, Bob Johnson Jr., Anna Talomie, and those we now name, silently or aloud,

Silence

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The officiant adds a concluding collect



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