

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come to worship! Come praise the eternal God!

Let all that is within us— body, heart, and mind, praise God's holy name!

Despite our failures, God forgives and releases us.

Our Lord heals our diseases and pours grace into our lives.

When we are famished and weak,

God fills us with good and beautiful things, satisfying our needs, and restoring our strength.

So come to worship! Come, praise the eternal God! Sing songs from a grateful heart,

Let us remember all that God has done for us. Lord of forgiveness, we praise you! Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, now and forever, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Faithful God, ***we confess that we carry into this place of joy and freedom the burdens we struggle to lay down and the weight of all the scores we***

want to settle for the wrongs we have suffered. We come to you with our greed and violence, our betrayals and lusts, asking for mercy. If justice was served in our lives we could not stand. So forgive us our wrongs, God, free us from the desire for revenge; bring us to the place where our hunger for grace and mercy may be filled, and where we may be freed from the prison of unforgiveness. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ***Amen.***

Gathering Song "10,000 Reasons" Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, my soul, Oh-o-o my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like ne-ver be-fore, Oh-o-o my soul I'll worship Your holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, Oh-o-o my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like ne-ver be-fore, Oh-o-o my soul I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near
and my time has come, Still my soul will sing Your praise unending...
Ten thousand years and then for e-ver more.

Bless the Lord, my soul, Oh-o-o my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like ne-ver be-fore, Oh-o-o my soul I'll worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name... God, I'll worship Your holy name.

Sing like ne-ver be-fore, Oh-o-o my soul I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name... God, I'll worship Your holy name.

WORD

Bible Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

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?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'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. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even 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. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm Reading

Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases; ⁴who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; ⁵who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. ⁶O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel. Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; ⁹you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you. ¹²As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those 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. ⁴Who 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. ⁵Some 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. ⁶Those 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. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why 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. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

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?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, 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. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You

wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Message "Forgiveness" Pr. Susan Dollinger

Song "Build Your Kingdom Here" Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson

Build Your kingdom here, Let the darkness fear;
Show Your mighty hand, Heal our streets and land;
Set Your church on fire, win this nation back;
Change the atmosphere!

Build Your kingdom here, we pray.

Come set Your rule and reign, in our hearts again.
Increase in us we pray.

Unveil why we are made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,

Like wildfire in our very souls.

Holy Spirit come invade us now.

We are Your church.

We need Your pow'r ... in us.

We seek Your kingdom first.

We hunger and we thirst,

Refuse to waste our lives,

for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captive hearts released,

the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.

We are Your church.

We pray, revive .. this earth.

Build Your kingdom here, Let the darkness fear;

Show Your mighty hand, Heal our streets and land;

Set Your church on fire, win this nation back;

Change the atmosphere!

Build Your kingdom here, we pray.

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r.

Reaching the near and far.

No force of Hell can stop

Your beauty changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this,

awake the Kingdom seed in us;

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are Your church.

We are the hope ... on earth.

Build Your kingdom here, Let the darkness fear;

Show Your mighty hand, Heal our streets and land;

Set Your church on fire,

win this nation back;

Change the atmosphere!

Build Your kingdom here, we pray.

We pray.

Apostles' Creed

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C: ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen our faith, prepare our hearts to offer thanksgiving and forgiveness. Help us be merciful as you have been merciful to us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience, compassion, and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; care for refugees who are fleeing from harm and fear, and deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, heal those who are suffering, especially those we remember out loud or in our hearts, and care for those affected by the fires, floods, and hurricanes. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions, bring us to peace and forgiveness with our neighbors. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

P: May the peace of the risen Christ be with all of you.

C: ***And also with you.***

Please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer.

"Great Are You, Lord"

Kealey Sitler, Rick Schaal, Brandon Zarzana

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING

Sending Song

"All the People Said Amen"

Matt Maher

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you're feeling frail, you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need
And all the people said Amen

Whoa oh
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together

God knows we stumble and fall
And he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all

And all the people said Amen
Whoa oh

And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends

And all the people said Amen
(Bridge)

Blessed are the poor spirits who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people lonely for another start
For this is a kingdom
The kingdom of God
And all the people said Amen
Whoa oh

And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends
And all the people said Amen
And all the people said Amen
Whoa oh

And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends
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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are freed in Christ Jesus.

C: ***Thanks be to God!***

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